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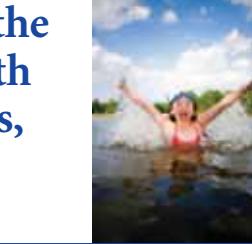


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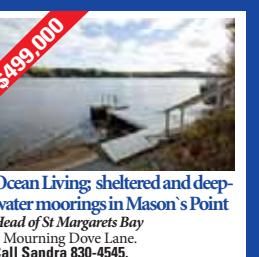


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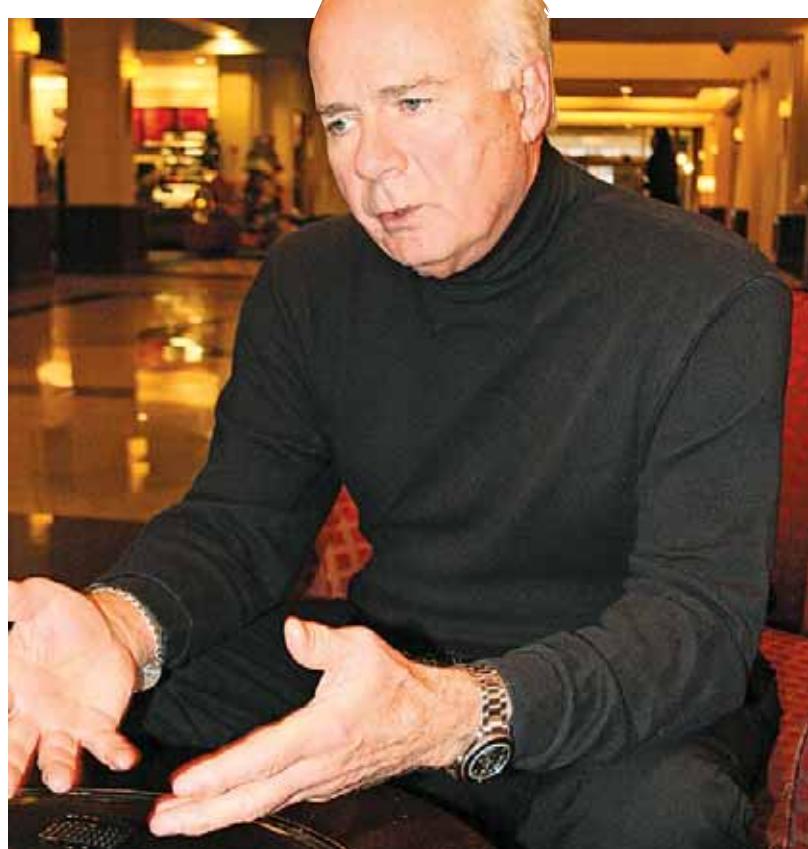
Darrell Dexter fires back

Premier berates opposition parties for criticism following recent announcements of government-funded projects PAGE 3

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ANCHOR MAN

CBC news anchor Peter Mansbridge talks inside the lobby at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel on Thursday afternoon. Mansbridge took some time to speak with Metro during a visit to the city to broadcast live for *The National* on Thursday night. Story, page 6. RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO



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Booze debate back on tap

Sponsorship questioned. Brewery's involvement in tree lighting prompts call for 'fair, balanced' alcohol policy

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A local addictions expert is raising the question of sponsorship by alcohol companies again as HRM's annual Tree Lighting ceremony approaches.

The event on Nov. 24 will feature members of the kids' TV show *The Backyardigans* — but the premier sponsor is the Oland Brewery.

Capital Health's health promoter Dan Steeves took to Twitter this week, highlighting the contrast of "Beer and *Backyardigans*."

"Is it appropriate for alcohol companies to sponsor events that are primarily directed towards children?" he said Thursday. "We ask the community, do you want to take a second thought about

that?"

Steeves says residents should ask councillors for a municipal alcohol policy that would set guidelines for alcohol sponsorship and advertising.

"The alcohol industry provides jobs and growth to our economic condition and they should have a role to play," he said. "However, that role should be the community's decision."

Steeves cites studies suggesting early exposure to alcohol-product advertising influences the age at which kids start drinking — as young as 13 in Nova Scotia.

Oland is contributing \$5,000 to the Nov. 24 event, which has a total budget of \$58,000. There will be no Oland's banners or signs, and, at the company's request, the flyer sent home with school kids won't bear the company name.

"(The community) helped

logo.

Olands spokesperson Wade Keller says the company likes to give back to the community through event sponsorship, and is sensitive to issues involving children.

"The answer to the world's woes is not to put children in a bubble so they're not exposed to alcohol or soft drinks or fatty foods," he said. "It's the community and parents and teachers — everyone has a responsibility to teach people what these products are and how they should be used responsibly."

Steeves says parents always know what's best for their kids, but added there's precedent for society helping out.

"(The community) helped with tobacco, with seatbelts, with bike helmets," he said. "I'm looking for a little help with alcohol, and we can figure it out together."

Quoted

"Refuse a cigarette, get a kudo. Refuse a chocolate cake, you're told, 'Well done!' Refuse a drink, you're asked, 'What's wrong?' That's cultural."

Dan Steeves, health promoter, Capital Health addiction services

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Grits question cost of Dexter's trade-mission flights

The Opposition Liberals criticized Premier Darrell Dexter on Thursday over the cost of his flights during two recent overseas trade missions.

The Liberals questioned why Dexter paid more than the premiers of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island for round-trip tickets to China during a 10-day trade mission of Canadian premiers in September.

Liberal member Andrew Younger tabled government online expense claims in the legislature, showing Dexter's first-class ticket cost \$7,136.

He compared that to records showing New Brunswick Premier David Alward paid \$5,389, while P.E.I. Premier Robert Ghiz's economy-class ticket cost \$3,762.

Dexter defended the cost, saying it's government policy that on extended flights of more than nine hours he would fly business class or an "upgraded class." He added that as head of the China trade mission, he needed proper rest to be alert for a heavy schedule of meetings.

"You are required to be able to, in very short order, get up and respond to all of those demands. I don't think that any of the taxpayers would find that unreasonable," he said.

Expenses for Dexter's trip to Israel in October 2011 show the premier paid \$7,506.03 for his airfare.

Dexter said that cost was the result of changing his flight booking because his departure coincided with the federal shipbuilding announcement in Halifax, which he wanted to attend.

But Younger said he believes Dexter should have found cheaper flights during a time of government austerity. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



John Lutz, right, president of IBM Canada, talks to Premier Darrell Dexter during a contract announcement at the Nova Scotia Community College waterfront campus last Thursday. Dexter announced a 10-year contract with IBM, which included a \$12.4 million payroll rebate if the company could hire 500 employees at its proposed Halifax location. The opposition has called such rebates irresponsible. **JEFF HARPER/METRO/FILE**

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Premier lashes out at opposition

NDP's jobs plan criticized. Darrell Dexter calls out Andrew Younger for insult against his government



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Premier Darrell Dexter unloaded on the opposition parties Thursday over their relentless criticism of two government-funded job projects announced last week.

Dexter zeroed in on Liberal Andrew Younger, who was

Younger sees problems

"This project did not go through the privacy commissioner; we haven't even seen the contract yet."

Liberal Andrew Younger on the IBM deal

quoted in The Coast calling the government's deal to outsource its SAP department to IBM Canada "a huge clusterf---k."

"It's so far beyond the pale for a member of the legislature to participate in, it is frankly as embarrassing as it can get," Dexter told reporters.

Last Thursday, Dexter announced a 10-year contract with IBM, which included a \$12.4-million payroll rebate if the company could hire 500 employees at its proposed Halifax

fax location.

The opposition has repeatedly accused the government for irresponsibly offering handouts to big business. The Liberals say the deal should have gone through the privacy commissioner and the welfare of government employees wasn't considered.

Last Wednesday, the province announced another rebate with Calgary-based engineering company Projex. The company would see \$11.4 million

in provincial government funding over five years if it adds 440 new engineering jobs to its Halifax office over that period.

Younger said he stands by his words about the IBM deal.

"This is a government that has handed out all kinds of money to corporation and overhyped big projects," he said.

Dexter maintains the opposition is more concerned about scoring low blows, than the greater good of the province.

"They have decided to put that aside instead of what is in the best interest of the province to participate in the worst kind of assault on the reputation of these companies," he said.

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Arrest warrant. Cops on hunt for fourth man in Halifax taxi shooting

A known associate to Halifax crime figure Jimmy Melvin Jr. is wanted on a Canada-wide arrest warrant for two counts of attempted murder in the shooting of a Halifax taxi earner this month.

Police believe Andrew Jason Hudder is somewhere in Halifax, and consider him "armed and very dangerous," according to spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages.

"If people see him they are advised to contact police right away and to not approach him," Bourdages said.

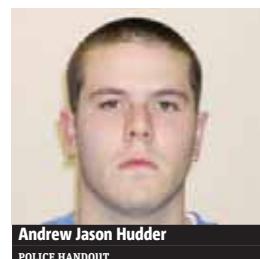
Last week, a Canada-wide arrest warrant was issued for Hudder in relation to a parole violation.

Hudder was released from a federal prison late last year after serving over two years in jail for a string of arsons dating back to 2006.

Melvin Jr. was also charged in the arsons that happened at various locations around HRM.

Hudder is the fourth person charged in the taxi shooting case. He is facing two counts of attempted murder, two counts of assault with a weapon and nine weapons related offences.

Someone fired several shots



Andrew Jason Hudder
POLICE HANDOUT

from a small silver car at a taxi travelling north on Robie near McCulley around 2:15 a.m. on Nov. 3.

No one was hurt.

Kirk Michael Wright, 24, of Halifax was arrested Wednesday and appeared in court facing more than a dozen charges that include attempted murder, assault with a weapon and several firearms offences.

Everett Douglas MacNeil, 24, of Halifax is also facing similar charges in connection with the incident. He was in custody on an unrelated matter.

Kyle Douglas Shipley was arrested and charged Nov. 11. He's scheduled to return to court on Friday.

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

Residents could get crosswalks back with new legislation: MLA

Waverley Road.

Andrew Younger says municipal traffic authority has too much power



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The province should enact legislation that could see angry Waverley Road residents get their crosswalks back, the area's MLA said Thursday.

"The crosswalk needs to be there," said the Liberal's Andrew Younger, who lives just off Breeze Drive, a few blocks away from where one of three Waverley Road crosswalks were removed by municipal staff in September. "There are many children that cross the road and I absolutely understand the frustration of residents and why they're going out there painting it themselves."

Halifax Regional Municipal-



Dartmouth resident Tony Mancini, left, and Coun. Darren Fisher cross at a former crosswalk on Waverley Road in Dartmouth. JEFF HARPER/METRO

ity's Traffic Authority currently holds the power to decide which roadways get crosswalks.

On three occasions in September, community members at the corner of Waverley Road and Applewood Lane painted crosswalks only to have them painted over by municipal workers.

Younger, a former HRM

councillor, said in this case, where the crosswalk had been at the location for 20 years, illustrates that the legislation gives too much power to the traffic authority to decide where crosswalks go.

He said there must be an appeal mechanism to deal with extraordinary cases that don't fit strict, national standards.

One option, he said, is to allow councillors to make the decision based on common sense and public safety.

Transportation Minister Maurice Smith said Thursday the issue is a municipal matter and he has no right to order HRM to build a crosswalk anywhere.

"It's not a determination I should make and I don't know if there should be a crosswalk there," said Smith.

Extraordinary cases

Andrew Younger said the province has an obligation to address legislation dealing with extraordinary cases, like on Waverley Road.

- "It's provincial legislation that gives the traffic authority that much control and there has to be an appeal mechanism to deal with these extraordinary cases," he said.

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One-on-one with Mansbridge

National matters.

Peter Mansbridge shares his thoughts on the media, consumers and climate change

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Veteran news anchor Peter Mansbridge was in Halifax Thursday for a live broadcast of *The National*.

Mansbridge has worked as a journalist for 45 years, 25 of those with the CBC, anchoring the nightly newscast. He sat down with Metro Halifax to share some insights from nearly a half-century of experience.

There have been a lot of major developments on the international scene in the last few years. What's your sense, given your vast experience, of how engaged people are today?

What I've found with our audience generally is that when something big happens, they're very interested. Then as things quiet down,

Top 5

Mansbridge's top five career highlights:

- His one-on-one with President Obama.
- Being in Berlin when the wall fell.
- Travelling the Northwest Passage on the CCGS Louis S. St-Laurent.
- His 1979 documentary on the "boat people" of Vietnam.
- His three years as a rookie in Churchill, Man., covering "stories that matter."

they're more concerned about domestic issues.

Lots is dependent on what we do in the media. We spent so much money covering the post-9-11 period and the Iraq war, and then we ran out of money. And sadly, when that happens, you pull back on international coverage because it's the most expensive, and you're giving less information, and it shows.

Of late, Syria is a hugely important story, but I don't think people are going to be leaping to their television at night saying, 'Man, what's happening in Syria?' The latest escalation of violence between the Israelis and Palestinians may do that.

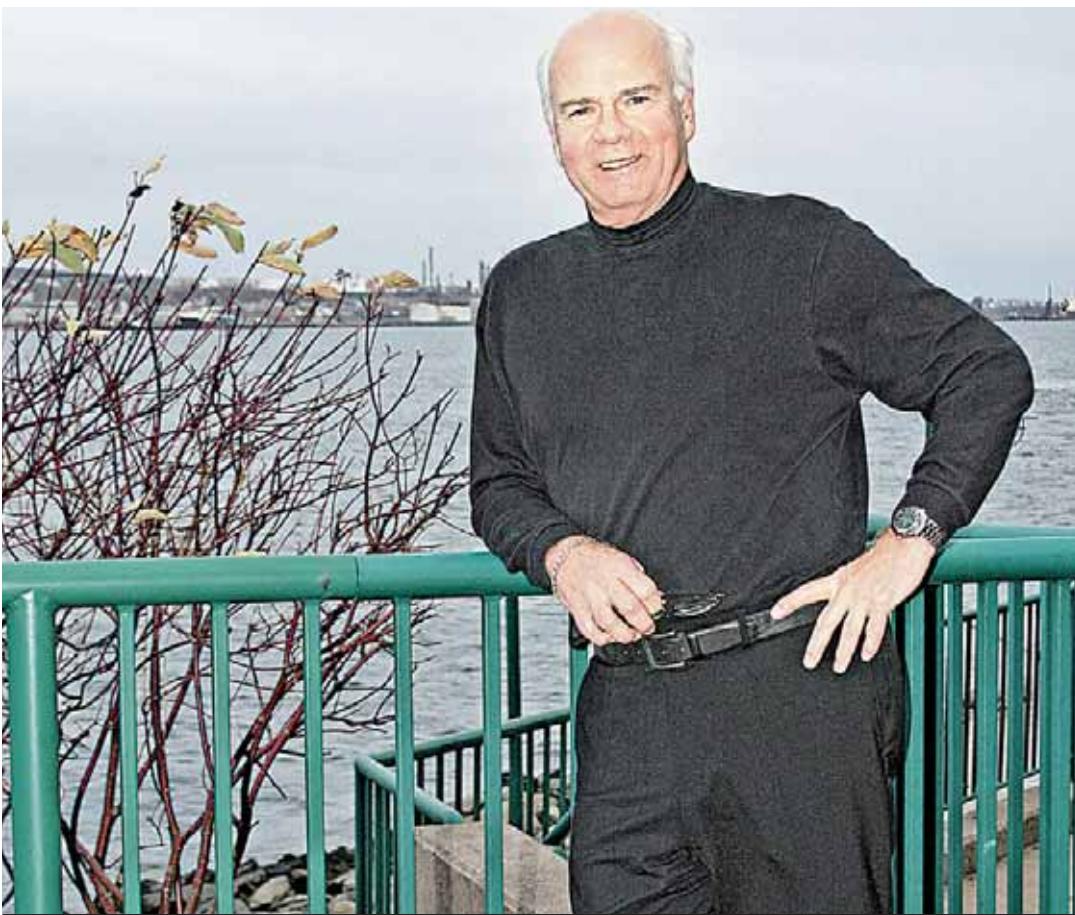
I had a discussion this week on the role of the media versus the role of the consumer. Where does the chicken-and-egg cycle start between what the media provides and what the consumer wants?

I think the cycle has gotten worse, for a number of reasons. One of them is at times a failure on our part.

Look at the example this week at how so much of the media went crazy over the Petraeus story. Why did they do that? My theory is that it's a lot easier to tell the Petraeus story than it is to tell the fiscal-cliff story. Which one actually impacts your life? The fiscal cliff. So people get cynical because they look at that and say, "What's the matter with these guys?"

But when you look at programs like Entertainment Tonight, they're wildly popular. There's an appetite for scandal and "sexy" stuff.

That's true, and that's where it belongs, is programs like that. I do fault the consumer to some degree. They have to make a decision about what they're going to watch and what they're going to trust.



CBC news anchor Peter Mansbridge outside the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel on Thursday afternoon. RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

And if they're going to demand that not only on *Entertainment Tonight* but also in the nightly news, they'll get what they asked for, and that's too bad.

What's the story that's the most under-reported?

I think we do a pathetic job on the climate-change story. It's changing our world, without question. It's not all bad — some things are good about climate change — but

there are some things that are threatening the way we live, and other countries are miles ahead of us in adapting to climate change. We've got to get in the game.

Between poverty, over-population, climate change and the economy, the future's looking kind of grim. If we're going to avert the apocalypse, what would you tell both media and media consumers that we all need to do?

Quoted

"It comes back to that issue of, what's news? Is it what's entertaining and what people are talking about at water coolers, or is it what's important?"

Peter Mansbridge

The common thread for both consumers and journalists is to understand an issue before you decide on it. In today's world of journalism where the pressure's on time, you've got to spend more time doing the basic journalism before going on the air. Our role is a fundamental, basic pillar of democracy, and if we do it poorly, everybody suffers. If we do it right, we end up living in a better society.


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Landry mulling law to protect transgender

The province is looking at changing legislation to protect transgender people from discrimination, the justice minister says.

"It's a possibility that the matter will be examined," Ross Landry told reporters on Thursday. "The timeline will come out in due course."

The Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project presented a 1,700-signature petition to the government on Thursday calling for an amendment to the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act to include gender identity and gender expression as prohibited grounds for discrimination.

"No one should face discrimination or harassment

Law and social change

"The laws have to change to be reflective of ... society."

Justice Minister Ross Landry

due to their gender identity or how they express it," Kevin Kindred, chair of NSRAP, said in a release.

Landry said he's open to having more discussions with the group.

But he cautioned that changing the act could be a lengthy process, including various stakeholders, and it might include budgetary considerations, among



Ross Landry METRO FILE

other things.

"It's set up to allow debate as attitudes and values change in society," he said.

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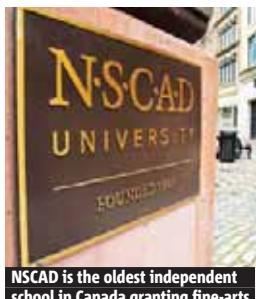
Education. NSCAD, NSCC begin new design program partnership

A partnership between two local schools will make it easier for college graphic-design graduates to earn a university design degree.

Graduates of Nova Scotia Community College's graphic-design diploma program will now be able to "block transfer" their credits to the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and complete a bachelor of design degree in two more years.

Dr. Dan O'Brien, acting president of NSCAD, and Don Bureaux, president of NSCC, signed the partnership on Thursday.

Until now, NSCC students



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who applied to NSCAD were admitted based on individual assessment. METRO

Halifax Stanfield

Main runway open for business

An ongoing project to lengthen the main runway at Halifax Stanfield International Airport is now "substantially" complete, the airport authority says.

A release from the authority says work began in September 2011 to extend the runway by 1,700 feet to a total of 10,500. More than 1,300 feet of runway was added to the south end and another 370 to the north. The work included excavation, paving, replacement of navigational aids and lighting. Flight operations began early on Thursday morning. METRO

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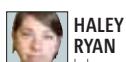


About 16,000 people cast paper ballots at polling stations around the municipality during the recent civic election. Councillors say e-voting boosted turnout in some areas of the province, but people in Halifax may need more time to get used to the system. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Analyze e-voting, councillors say

Municipal election.

Watts and McCluskey call for financial review of online system



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A rookie HRM councillor is calling for an end to online voting, but a couple of his veteran colleagues would prefer to focus on how to make the system better.

Coun. Wayne Mason of District 7 told the CBC this week that since public turnout wasn't any higher with a web system, the municipality should focus on traditional ballot boxes.

"I'm not ready to say 'Let's scrap the e-voting,'" Coun. Jennifer Watts (District 8) said on Thursday in



Wayne Mason JEFF HARPER/METRO

response to Mason's comments.

"I think it was quite positive for residents that used that," she said, adding that parents with busy schedules, or seniors, liked the ease of casting their vote online or phoning it in.

Watts said she'd like to analyze the cost difference between staffing more polling booths and keeping the online system.

"I'm not sure we need the full 10 days of e-voting," she said, adding five or six days before the official election day should be enough.

"I think that might help focus people to vote more. It's not like, 'Oh, I've got these long two weeks.'

Coun. Gloria McCluskey (District 5) agrees with Watts's point that the value of the online system needs to be looked at.

"I'm concerned about the cost," McCluskey said. "And we have to look at the success before we do that again."

Watts said since e-voting increased the turnout in other areas of the province, such as Yarmouth, Halifax may just need more time to get used to the system.

"It's hard to know. Maybe we would have had even lower voting without it," she said.

Online reporting now available across HRM

The online reporting service for minor crimes implemented by Halifax Regional Police is being expanded to cover all of HRM — in both official languages.

The form is now available to HRM residents who live in RCMP jurisdictions and, as a result of RCMP involvement, it will be available in English and French.

"A lot of people have access to computers and the Internet, so in one sense it makes it more convenient," RCMP Cpl. Scott MacRae said. "And what we're seeing in

talking with our partners at Halifax Regional Police is that people are very receptive to it."

Const. Pierre Bourdages of Halifax Regional Police says use of the form has grown slowly but steadily since it was introduced in June 2011.

He says the response from police is the same regardless of how the report is filed, but filing online can be a little faster than calling the police non-emergency phone number.

"Depending on the time of day, some people will have

Online reporting

The online form is intended for use in the case of low-level crimes such as property damage, mischief or theft from a vehicle.

to wait for an operator to be able to answer their calls," he said. "What it gives is the option to take your time to report without having to wait for someone to answer the phone."

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Failure to yield. Pair of pedestrians struck while using crosswalks

Two pedestrians suffered minor injuries after being hit by cars while crossing Halifax intersections on Wednesday evening.

Halifax Regional Police first responded to the intersection of South Street and Tower Road just after 5 p.m. when a 57-year-old man was hit by a vehicle while using the crosswalk.

About 90 minutes later, police say a 20-year-old man was hit while using a crosswalk at the intersection of Quinpool Road and Robie Street. This

Go easy on the gas

- It was raining heavily at the time both accidents took place, and police are reminding drivers to slow down during bad weather.

victim was transported to hospital and later released.

Both drivers were issued tickets for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

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Highway 111

Teen driver clocked going 160 km/h, police say

A teen has been charged with stunt driving for allegedly driving 80 kilometres per hour over the posted speed limit on a Dartmouth highway.

At about 10 p.m. Wednesday, police say they saw a Mitsubishi Lancer speeding on Highway 111 by the Burn-

side Drive exit. They say they clocked the driver at 160 km/h in a 80 km/h zone.

An 18-year-old male was charged with stunt driving, which is driving 50 km/h over the posted speed limit.

The charge carries an automatic seven-day suspension of a person's licence, and the vehicle is impounded for a week.

If convicted, the charge also carries a minimum fine of \$2,314.41.

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Shoppers are in a giving mood this Christmas



Shoppers stroll by Christmas decorations at the Halifax Shopping Centre on Thursday. HALEY RYAN/METRO

Holiday outlook.

Maritimers are most likely to visit outlet malls, survey finds

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Michael Phillips says he doesn't usually spend a lot of money on Christmas, but this year he wants to make a woman in his life feel extra special.

"I'm thinking about buying my mom something fancy because I love her so much," Phillips said at the Halifax Shopping Centre on Thursday.

"Something that's really good quality so she'll appreciate it."

According to the new Deloitte holiday-outlook survey,

Quoted

"I like the Christmas spirit. I like the feeling."

Michael Phillips

retail sales are expected to grow one to two per cent in Canada this year, including online offers.

But the 26-year-old Phillips said he prefers a real-life transaction when he shops, because then he knows exactly where he's buying a product from.

"I like to see it and feel it, and then the exchange of money," he said.

According to the survey, 60 per cent will use the web or mobile phones to check prices or gift ideas, but local shopper Nicole Moore doesn't think that's necessary.

"That's why the mall is so good," the 30-year-old said. "It has a little bit of everything."

Deloitte found that Maritimers are the most likely to shop at a mall (47 per cent) if it is near where they live.

The survey also found most Canadians choose where to shop based on low prices or sales, which Louise Frigault agrees with.

"I love to compare shop," the 52-year-old said. "I found a really good sale — one store was \$10 and the other one was \$8.99 minus 40 per cent."

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Brazen attacks on Tel Aviv may trigger ground invasion of Gaza

Heaviest fighting in four years. Daily life at a standstill on both sides of the border

Palestinian militants targeted densely populated Tel Aviv in Israel's heartland with rockets for the first time Thursday, part of an unprecedented barrage that threatened to provoke an Israeli ground assault on Gaza. Three Israelis were killed.

Air raid sirens wailed and panicked residents ran for cover in Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial and cultural capital. Israel responded by moving troops and heavy weapons toward Gaza and authorizing the call-up of tens of thousands of reservists.

There was no word on where the two rockets aimed at Tel Aviv landed, raising the possibility they fell into the Mediterranean. A third rocket landed in an open area on the southern outskirts of Tel Aviv. Those attacks came after Israel launched a ferocious air assault



A woman photographs Israeli soldiers on top of an armoured personnel carrier close to the Israel-Gaza border in southern Israel on Thursday. Israel's prime minister says the army is prepared for a "significant widening" of its operation in the Gaza Strip. Benjamin Netanyahu told reporters Israel has "made it clear" it won't tolerate continued rocket fire on its civilians. ARIEL SCHALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wednesday to stop repeated rocket fire from Gaza. The powerful Hamas military chief was killed in that strike, and another 18 Palestinians have died over two days, including five children.

There were mounting signs of a ground operation. At least 12 trucks were seen transporting tanks and armoured personnel carriers toward Gaza late Thursday. Israeli TV stations said a Gaza incursion was

expected on Friday, though military officials said no decision had been made.

"We will increase the attacks, and I believe we will obtain our objectives," said Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz, Israel's mil-

itary chief.

Hamas, meanwhile, warned it would strike deeper inside Israel with Iranian-made Fajr-5 rockets, acknowledging for the first time it has longer-range weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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International reaction

- The White House says the U.S. strongly condemns the barrage of rocket fire from Gaza into Israel. Spokesman Jay Carney says there is "no justification" for the violence perpetrated by Hamas and other terrorist organizations.
- Egypt's Islamist president Mohammed Morsi, whose party is an ally of Gaza's Hamas rulers, recalled Egypt's ambassador to Israel in protest and on Thursday ordered his prime minister to head to the tiny Palestinian territory in solidarity.
- Iran is another close ally of Hamas rulers. Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast was quoted as calling the Israeli bombardment of Gaza "organized terrorism."

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Politicking. U.S. atheists sue IRS over church groups' electioneering

A U.S. group representing atheists and agnostics has filed a federal lawsuit arguing that the Internal Revenue Service is violating the constitution by allowing tax-exempt churches and religious organizations to get involved in political campaigns.

The Freedom from Religion Foundation argues that churches and religious organizations have become more involved in political campaigns, "blatantly and deliberately flaunting the electioneering restrictions."

The lawsuit filed Wednesday in Wisconsin cites several examples, including full-page ads that ran this fall in The New York Times and other news-

Tax man

The lawsuit argues that the IRS is not enforcing the federal tax code, which prohibits tax-exempt religious organizations from electioneering.

papers by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association that featured a photo of renowned evangelist Billy Graham urging Americans to vote along biblical principles. Graham met in October with Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney and pledged to do "all I can" to help him. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Teenage lap dance

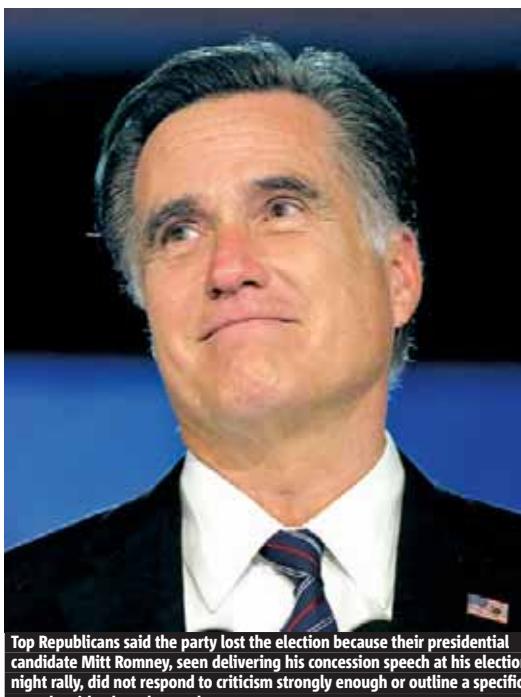
Police investigate under-age exotic dance party

Police are investigating reports that exotic dancers performed lap dances on teenagers at a boy's surprise 16th birthday party in New

York state on Nov. 3. Saratoga County District Attorney James Murphy says child endangerment is among the potential charges.

Police Chief Kevin Judd says photos were given to his department capturing the party. At least one image shows a scantily clad woman clinging upside down to a seated teen. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Romney blames Obama's win on 'gifts' to minorities



Top Republicans said the party lost the election because their presidential candidate Mitt Romney, seen delivering his concession speech at his election night rally, did not respond to criticism strongly enough or outline a specific agenda with a broad appeal. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sore loser? Former presidential hopeful claims a superb campaign, while top Republicans point out several missteps

Former Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney says President Barack Obama won re-election last week because of the "gifts" Obama had provided to blacks, Hispanics and young voters and because of his effort to paint Romney as anti-immigrant.

"The president's campaign ... focused on giving targeted

Press secretary

"I think that view of the American people or the electorate and the election is at odds with the truth of what happened last week."

White House press secretary Jay Carney

groups a big gift," Romney said in a phone call with top donors Wednesday. He cited immigration proposals aimed at Hispanics and free contraception coverage that appealed to young women. "He made a big effort on small things."

Romney said his campaign, in contrast, had been about "big issues for the whole country."

White House press secretary Jay Carney disputed Romney's assessment Thursday, telling reporters travelling with Obama aboard Air Force One that policies allowing more young people to go to college or stay on their parents' health plans are good for all Americans and the economy as a whole.

Romney also didn't acknowledge any major missteps and said his team had run a superb campaign.

By contrast, many Republicans are questioning their strategy after Obama's strong win, with some saying they must reach out to Hispanics and others as their core demographic, aging white males, shrinks. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Suit-free zone

Feds can't be sued over Big Tobacco: Court

The Quebec Court of Appeal says the federal government cannot be sued or held liable for damages involving Big Tobacco, possibly affecting a \$27-billion suit in the province. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Mallards and mares

Justin Trudeau, horse-fighter

Which would you rather fight: a horse-sized duck or 100 duck-sized horses? Justin Trudeau recently tackled the question in a P.E.I. student newspaper.

"Definitely 100 duck-sized horses," he said, noting the ferocity of Canadian



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Northern neighbours

Russia silences native voices at Arctic Council

Canada is expressing concern about Russia shutting down a group that represents its northern aborigines at international Arctic Council meetings. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Midland, Texas

Train crashes into veterans-parade float, killing four

Authorities say at least four are dead and 17 others are injured after a train slammed into a parade float headed to a West Texas event honouring wounded veterans.

The crash happened at a Union Pacific railroad crossing around 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Officials say 10 of those injured are in critical condition, while the rest are stable.

The parade was supposed to end at a "Hunt for Heroes" banquet. The wounded service members were then going to be treated to a deer-hunting trip. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Number of doctors at all-time high

What's up? Docs.

Proportion of physicians rapidly outpacing population growth and is getting better in rural areas

A new report says that over the last five years, the number of doctors in Canada has increased at a rate three times faster than that of the population.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information says there were more than 72,500 physicians caring for patients in 2011, a rise of 14 per cent since 2007.

The Canadian population grew 4.7 per cent over the same time period.

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Rural surge

"The gap between the number of urban and rural family physicians is decreasing."

Geoff Ballinger, CIHI's manager of health human resources in a statement Thursday

bec had the highest physician-to-population ratios, while Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island had the lowest.

In 2011, 51 per cent of Canada's doctors practised family medicine, while 49 per cent were medical and surgical specialists.

The report also found that more doctors are practising in rural Canada compared to five years earlier, including 15 per cent of the country's general practitioners.

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Unsolved problems

While rural regions have managed to attract new doctors with a number of programs, many areas are still badly understaffed.

- Enderby, B.C. will soon have only one doctor for its 3,000 residents. The northern Okanagan community previously had a total of five.

Mafia. Inquiry reveals Mob intimidation tactics

Quebec's public inquiry is getting a glimpse into how the Italian Mafia used its muscle to maintain control of the construction industry in Montreal.

An out-of-town construction owner testified Thursday that he received multiple threats after bidding on contracts.

The Quebec City man, Martin Carrier, said he got a phone call at home in 2004. A man with an Italian accent warned him to stop working in the city.

Carrier asked the man for his name. That prompted a curt reply.

"Never mind who I am," the

caller said. "Because the next time you won't be walking away from here ... Thank you and have a nice day."

Later, when he didn't back down, Carrier received a condolence card at his office. It was the kind of card sent to a grieving family after a death.

The printed side of the card said: "Sincerest condolences." In neat handwriting, on the other side, the card read: "Dear friend, stop bidding in Montreal. If not, your family will receive a card just like this one. Final warning."

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Energy. Scientists offer guide for burying CO₂

Scientists have released what they say are the first guidelines on the best way to store carbon dioxide underground so that it doesn't get back out.

The hope is that companies will want to follow the standards to help reassure the public about the safety of carbon capture and persuade doubters.

The guidelines include looking at geology and whether CO₂ could flow through a possible fault underground. They also set out requirements and recommendations for burying the greenhouse gas in a safe way.

They are not mandatory, but more of a template for the industry, said Carmen Dubwad, CEO of the International Performance Assessment Centre for Geologic Storage of CO₂.

"It's nice to be able to have, if you will, a guide, a standard to go through and say, 'Yes, we have made sure that we've looked at everything. We've looked at the issue of subsurface trespass. We've looked at the issue of fractures. We've looked at the possibility of setting a micro-seismic event,'" Dubwad said Thursday.

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Europe. Obama urged to focus on climate change

The European Union's climate commissioner hopes that U.S. President Barack Obama's renewed attention to global warming after the election will translate into greater U.S. involvement in UN climate talks.

Connie Hedegaard told The Associated Press during a visit to Stockholm on Thursday that many Europeans were disappointed that climate change didn't get more attention during Obama's first term.

"But I hope that the re-elected president will pull his whole weight now into this area," she said.

Climate change was virtually absent during the campaign until Hurricane Sandy hit, so activists were elated when Obama mentioned the "destructive power of a warming planet" in his victory speech.

The president also addressed the issue in a news conference Wednesday, saying he hopes to begin his second term by opening a national "conversation" on climate change.

Obama took some steps in his first term, such as sharply increasing fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks.

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Mourning the loss of two lives in Ireland

Hanna Graham joins a candle-lit vigil protest outside Belfast City Hall in Northern Ireland on Thursday for Savita Halappanavar, the 31-year-old Indian woman who was 17-weeks pregnant when she died of blood poisoning after suffering a miscarriage in Galway, Ireland, on Oct. 28. Halappanavar's father, Andanappa Yalagi, said the combination of medical negligence and Irish abortion laws led to his daughter's death.

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Tweeting trash talk? Free speech debate abuzz in U.K.

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Spate of prosecutions for Twitter and Facebook tirades spark controversy

One teenager made offensive comments about a murdered child on Twitter. Another young man wrote on Facebook that British soldiers should "go to hell." A third posted a picture of a burning paper poppy, symbol of remembrance of war dead.

All were arrested, two convicted, and one jailed — and they're not the only ones. In Britain, hundreds of people are prosecuted each year for posts, tweets, texts and emails deemed menacing, indecent, offensive or obscene, and the number is growing as our online lives expand.

Lawyers say the mounting tally shows the problems of a legal system trying to regulate 21st century communications with 20th century laws. Civil libertarians say it is a threat to free speech in an age when the Internet gives everyone the power to be heard around the



People use computers at a shop in central London on Wednesday.

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world.

"Fifty years ago someone would have made a really offensive comment in a public space and it would have been heard by relatively few people," said Mike Harris of free-speech group Index on Censorship. "Now someone posts a picture of a burning poppy on Facebook and potentially hundreds of thousands of people can see it. People take it upon themselves to report this offensive material to police, and suddenly you've got the criminalization of offensive speech."

Figures obtained by The Associated Press through a freedom of information request show a steadily rising tally

of prosecutions in Britain for electronic communications — phone calls, emails and social media posts — that are "grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character" (from 1,263 in 2009 to 1,843 in 2011.) The number of convictions grew from 873 in 2009 to 1,286 last year.

Behind the figures are people — mostly young, many teenagers — who find that a glib online remark can have life-altering consequences.

No one knows this better than Paul Chambers, who in January 2010, worried that snow would stop him catching a flight to visit his girlfriend, tweeted: "Crap! Robin Hood airport is closed. You've got a week and a bit to get your (expletive) together otherwise I'm blowing the airport sky high."

A week later, anti-terrorist police showed up at the office where he worked as a financial supervisor.

Chambers was arrested, questioned for eight hours, charged, tried, convicted and fined. He lost his job, amassed thousands of pounds (dollars) in legal costs and was, he says, "essentially unemployable" because of his criminal record.

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That's one tall order

Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, holds up a potato 'twirl' as she tours a farmers market on Thursday in Feilding, New Zealand. The Royal couple are in New Zealand on the last leg of a Diamond Jubilee that takes in Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand. CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES

Tall tales fly high

British pub holds World's Biggest Liar competition

Fantastic fibbers are gathering at a remote pub in northwestern England to vie for the title of world's biggest liar. Contestants have five minutes to impress the judges with a whopping but convincing lie. Politicians and lawyers are barred from entry, as they are considered to have an unfair advantage.

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Mistaken report

BBC apologizes for false abuse charge

The BBC reached a settlement Thursday with the Conservative politician wrongly implicated in a child sex abuse scandal. The BBC has already apologized for linking 70-year-old Alastair McAlpine, a member of the House of Lords, to child sex abuse that happened decades ago in Wales. The mistaken report has caused turmoil within BBC management ranks and led to the resignation of its chief.

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Van City paving way for 'green' streets

Blue-box plastic.

City is one step closer to becoming greenest in the world with new recipe for asphalt

It may still look like tar-black road asphalt, but the ingredi-

ents in a mixture used by Vancouver paving crews is actually green.

The City of Vancouver is experimenting with a new asphalt recipe along a city street that includes plastics from the household recycle bin.

Peter Judd, general manager of engineering services in Vancouver, says the idea is win, win, win for the city.

Judd says they're saving on greenhouse gases, cutting down on plastic from blue bins and chopping vapour emitted from the paving process because the asphalt is cooler.

He says the new method brings the city one step closer to becoming the greenest in the world.

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Dreaming of a green Christmas

Entomologist Dave Kavanaugh, dressed as Santa Claus, poses with a reindeer for reporters on the Living Roof to promote the 'Tis the Season for Science exhibit at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco on Thursday. The academy's green rooftop keeps the building's interior an average of 10 degrees cooler than a standard roof would. JEFF CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A photograph of a modern kitchen interior. The kitchen features light-colored cabinetry, a large central island with a breakfast bar, and stainless steel appliances including a double oven and a range hood. The kitchen is well-lit with natural light from windows and recessed lighting. A dining table is visible in the background.

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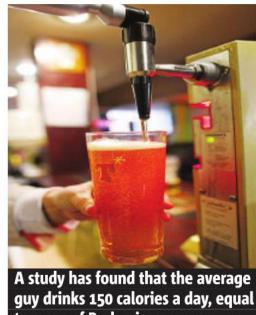
Booze bulge. Study says Americans pack on the pounds through alcohol

Americans get too many calories from soda. But what about alcohol? It turns out adults get almost as many empty calories from booze as from soft drinks, a government study found.

Soda and other sweetened drinks — the focus of obesity-fighting public-health campaigns — are the source of about six per cent of the calories adults consume, on average. Alcoholic beverages account for about five per cent, the new study found.

"We've been focusing on sugar-sweetened beverages. This is something new," said Cynthia Ogden, one of the study's authors. She's an epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which released its findings Thursday.

The government research-



A study has found that the average guy drinks 150 calories a day, equal to a can of Budweiser. GETTY IMAGES

ers say the findings deserve attention because, like soda, alcohol contains few nutrients but plenty of calories.

The CDC study is based on interviews with more than 11,000 U.S. adults from 2007 through 2010.

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Tycho. Scientists say Danish astronomer didn't die from mercury

Ever since Tycho Brahe died suddenly more than 400 years ago, there has been mystery about whether the Dane, whose celestial observations laid the groundwork for modern astronomy, fell victim to natural causes or was murdered.

On Thursday, scientists who had exhumed his body said one thing is clear: If he was murdered, it wasn't with mercury, as many rumours had claimed.

"We measured the concentration of mercury using

three different quantitative chemical methods in our labs" in the Czech Republic and Denmark, said Kaare Lund Rasmussen, associate professor of chemistry at the University of Southern Denmark.

"All tests revealed the same result: That mercury concentrations were not sufficiently high to have caused his death," he said in a statement.

Tests on the remains are still being conducted.

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Brazil looks to cloning to combat extinction

Threatened species.

Brazilian project collecting cells from endangered animals, but initial cloning attempt is likely still years away

Brazilian researchers are turning to cloning to help fight the perilous decline of several animal species.

The scientists at Brazil's Embrapa agriculture research agency said this week they have spent two years building a gene library with hundreds of samples from eight native species — the collared anteater, the bush dog, the black lion tamarin, the coati, and deer and bison varieties, as well as the jaguar and the maned wolf.

While still in its early stages, with the birth of a clone likely years away, the project represents Brazilian scientists' first foray into the cloning of wild animals, said team leader Carlos Frederico Martins.

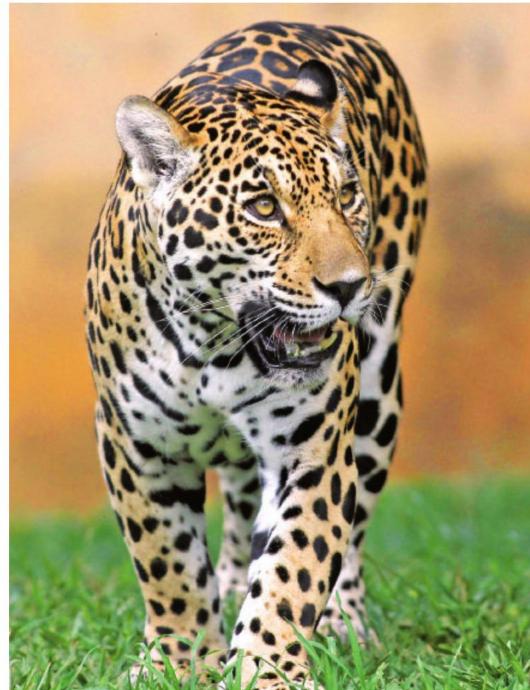
Scientists in other parts of the world have been cloning threatened species for more than a decade, though with a low rate of success, and sometimes with the criticism of conservationists who say more should instead be done to save endangered animals in the wild by protecting their natural habitats.

Martins said that any clones that eventually emerge from the Brazilian project would go to zoos,

Hour of the wolf

The project's top candidate for initial cloning is the maned wolf, a towering canine with long legs and a thick red pelt.

- Creating pups.** A skin cell from the wolf would be inserted into the egg of a common dog and then implanted into another dog's uterus.
- Endangered list.** With an estimated total population of 23,600, the vast majority of them in Brazil, the maned wolf is classified as "near threatened" on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.



An onça pintada jaguar walks in the Jardim Zoo in Brazil. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

not into the wild.

"The idea is not to use cloning as a primary conservation tool," Martins said in a phone interview from a farm outside the national capital, Brasilia. He stressed that clones don't resolve one of the main problems facing species with dwindling populations, which is maintaining a sufficiently varied gene pool.

"Let's be clear that cloning can't be a substitute for protecting endangered animals' habitats," Martins said. "It's a way to aid zoos, beef up their collections, particularly for animals that don't easily breed in captivity."

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A tricky enterprise

Learning from Dolly

The cloning of animals became a reality in 1996 with the birth of the Dolly the sheep. Dolly developed a virus-induced lung disease and was euthanized at age six — about half the life

expectancy of her breed — but she gave birth to four lambs. Cloning remains a difficult enterprise with a success rate of about five to seven per cent. The first reported cross-species clone, a wild ox called a gaur born in 2001, died of dysentery two days later.

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FBI agent in Petraeus sex case has ties to Canada

Canadian connection.

French education helped Humphries make 1999 arrest of Montreal-based al-Qaida member



FBI Agent Frederick Humphries

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There's now a Canadian connection to the David Petraeus sex scandal following revelations that the FBI agent who helped uncover the disgraced CIA director's extra-marital affair went to high school in Canada and played a key role in the infamous Ahmed Ressam case 13 years ago.

Frederick Humphries, one of the key players in the tawdry unravelling of Petraeus's once-storied career, set the wheels in motion for the general's downfall after he agreed last spring to investigate anonymous emails sent to a friend in Tampa, socialite Jill Kelley. That probe revealed

school somewhere in Ontario. His mother and stepfather live in Illinois.

He reportedly learned French in the Canadian school system, a skill that helped him nab Ressam, who claimed to be a Montrealer in 1999 as he attempted to sneak across the Canada-U.S. border to blow up the Los Angeles airport in a thwarted millennium attack.

Ressam, an Algerian al-Qaida member who lived in Montreal, was apprehended with explosives in the trunk of his car on a Canadian ferry to the U.S. and claimed only to speak French. But while reading Ressam his rights in the language, Humphries immediately knew he was not Quebecois, detecting an Algerian accent instead. Before long, investigators discovered Ressam was using false ID and had charged him with plotting what would have been a deadly attack on one of the busiest airports in the U.S.

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Elections

Japan heads toward elections

Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda was poised to dissolve Japan's parliament Friday, setting the stage for elections next month that will likely result in a weak coalition government with differing policies on how to fix the country's myriad problems.

Polls show that the ruling Democrats — in power for the last three years — are very likely to lose. Media reports say the elections will be held on Dec. 16. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Xi Jinping

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social services while making sure China stands tall in the world and the party continues to rule. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New leader. Xi addresses China's social services and global power

Long-anointed successor Xi Jinping assumes the leadership of China at a time when the ruling Communist Party is confronting slower economic growth, a public clamour to end corruption and demands for change that threaten its hold on power. In his first address to the nation, Xi, a 59-year-old son of a revolutionary hero, acknowledged the lengthy agenda for what should be the first of two five-year terms in office. He promised to deliver better



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Obama views Superstorm Sandy's devastation in N.Y.C.

Aftermath. President sees wreckage more than two weeks after the storm ripped through the region

U.S. President Barack Obama vowed Thursday to stick with New Yorkers still struggling 17 days after Superstorm Sandy "until the rebuilding is complete" after getting an up-close look at devastated neighbourhoods rendered uninhabitable.

Obama brought the spotlight to people still living without heat or electricity, and hugged many of those trying to rebuild their lives. He also delivered a postelection message of unity, nine days after a closely divided America gave him a second term.

"We're reminded that we are bound together and we have to look out for each other," Obama said from a block in Staten Island that was demolished by the storm. "The



President Barack Obama, accompanied by, from left, Sen. Charles Schumer, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, hugs Debbie Ingenito Thursday on Cedar Grove Avenue. The street, on New York City's Staten Island, was significantly impacted by Superstorm Sandy. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

petty differences melt away."

Obama announced that Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, former chief of New York's Housing Authority, will

be his point person to oversee long-term rebuilding in the region.

The president encountered many still suffering in Sandy's aftermath, waiting in lines for

food, supplies and other help. He also met privately with parents who experienced the most unthinkable tragedy — the loss of their young boys, Brandon and Connor Moore, who were

swept away in the storm. Damien and Glenda Moore's sons were among more than 100 people who lost their lives because of the powerful storm.

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Emergency response

On Staten Island, Obama met with people waiting in line at an emergency response centre at New Dorp High School, where the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Small Business Administration, IRS, Red Cross and city agencies set up tents to help survivors.

- Aid.** The White House said about 1,500 people had received services at the emergency response centre, one of several in affected areas, as of Monday.

- Tour.** Obama also visited a tent where food and toiletries were being distributed and thanked the workers and volunteers who came in from around the country. Several hundred people gathered nearby to see the president and shouted, "We love you!"

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BP to pay record \$4.5B over Gulf oil disaster

New Orleans. As part of settlement, firm will plead guilty on charges related to worker deaths and lying to Congress

A day of reckoning arrived for BP on Thursday as the oil giant agreed to plead guilty to a raft of criminal charges and pay a record \$4.5 billion US in a settlement with the U.S. government over the deadly 2010 disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. Three BP employees were also charged, two of them with manslaughter.

The settlement and the indictments came 2 1/2 years after the drilling-rig explosion that killed 11 workers and set off the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

The settlement includes nearly \$1.3 billion in fines — the biggest criminal penalty in U.S. history — along with payments to entities inside and outside government. As part of the deal, the BP will plead



In this April 21, 2010, file image provided by the U.S. Coast Guard, fire-boat response crews battle the blazing remnants of the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico. U.S. COAST GUARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

guilty to charges related to the deaths of the 11 workers and to lying to Congress.

"We believe this resolution is in the best interest of BP and its shareholders," said Carl-Henric Svanberg, BP chairman. "It removes two significant legal risks and allows us to vigorously defend the company against the remaining civil claims."

Also, BP rig workers Robert Kaluza and Donald Vidrine were indicted on federal charges of manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter, accused of repeatedly disregarding abnormal high-pressure readings that should have been glaring indications of trouble just before the blowout.

In addition, David Rainey,

BP's vice-president of exploration for the Gulf of Mexico at the time, was indicted on charges of obstruction of Congress and making false statements.

Prosecutors said he withheld information from Congress that indicated the amount of oil spewing from the blown-out well was greater than he let on. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Tax break for travel in Canada would be welcome, poll finds

Canadians are prepared to embrace the idea of a tax incentive for travelling within Canada, a new poll suggests.

A private member's bill tabled in the House of Commons by Liberal MP Massimo Pacetti proposes a tax credit for air, bus or train fares on non-business trips that cross at least three provincial borders.

Some 70 per cent of respondents to a recent Canadian Press-Harris-Decima poll expressed support for the idea. Regionally, almost eight in 10 respondents in Atlantic Canada liked it, with 75 per cent of those in British Columbia and Alberta in favour.

About four of every 10 people surveyed said they would be more likely to travel

By the numbers

\$4.2B

Canada's travel deficit — the difference between what travelling Canadians spend abroad and what foreign visitors spend here — hit \$4.2 billion during the second quarter.

within Canada if the tax break was in place, the poll found.

Pacetti's Discover Your Canada Act would allow an income-tax deduction of 100 per cent of bus fares, 75 per cent on train tickets and 50 per cent for domestic flights, up to a maximum of \$2,000.

As a private member's bill, the proposal is unlikely to become law. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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How much should you tip?



A tip is left on a table Tuesday in Montreal. Etiquette experts say tipping is a thank you and the standard remains at 15 per cent, and 20 per cent for exceptional service. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tipping point.

Tapped-out or generous, patrons and servers don't see eye-to-eye, say experts

Everybody's got their two cents' worth on tipping.

"A tip is our way of saying thank you for doing a great job," says etiquette expert Margaret Page.

As soon as it becomes expected, then it's part of a person's wage or salary and it's not optional, says Page of Etiquette Page Enterprises in Vancouver.

"And that's not the intention of the tip," she adds.

Page said a 15 per cent tip is the standard for a good meal and 20 per cent for a really good meal with "exceptional" service. She said the tip is added before the tax, which of course goes to the government.

Tipping has been making headlines recently after those

on the receiving end, who got nothing for their efforts, acted on their discontent.

A woman who left no tip gained Internet notoriety after spending almost \$140 at a restaurant and writing: "Single mom, sorry" in the space reserved for the tip. A photo of the bill was posted on social news website Reddit by her server.

The photo of the woman's bill has gone viral and been viewed more than 600,000 times, sparking much online commentary about her behaviour.

Tipping was also in the news when a Pizza Hut employee in Des Moines, Iowa, became so upset after a woman didn't give him a tip that he allegedly pulled down his pants and

urinated

Social norm

"We tip because we don't want to look like a cheapskate, or it's expected."

Bruce McAdams, associate professor at the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at the University of Guelph

on her front door, a local TV station reported. The woman apparently said she didn't have the money for a tip.

Website tipthepizzaguy.com says drivers should be tipped because they bring dinner to your door.

Associate prof. Bruce McAdams estimates that tips from full-service restaurants bring in \$6 billion a year to the Canadian economy, based on a 15 per cent tip rate. But he noted it has to be questioned how much is being declared and how it is distributed among staff.

In Canada, there's an expectation that restaurant tips be between 15 per cent and 20 per cent, he said.

What about those tip bowls at coffee shops and fast food restaurants? Page said it's not necessary, but it's always nice to drop spare change.

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Holiday shopping. Target upbeat as profit climbs, helped by credit card sale

Target Corp. is optimistic heading into the critical holiday shopping season after a strong third quarter.

The holiday shopping season can make up 40 per cent of a retailer's annual revenue — and Target expects this year to be "highly competitive and promotional," said Kathryn Tesija, executive vice-president of merchandising.

"For the holiday season, consumers anticipate spending slightly more than last year, but indicate they'll be focused on value, pricing and promotions," she said on a call with analysts.

The big-box retailer, known for its cheap but trendy merchandise, on Thursday reminded investors of the initiatives it's betting on for growth in the coming weeks, including a holiday collection partnership with luxury department store Neiman Marcus and a new online price-matching program.

For the fourth quarter, which ends in January, the company anticipates adjusted earnings of \$1.64 US to \$1.74 US per share. Analysts predict \$1.50 US per share.

For the three months ended Oct. 27, Target earned \$637 million US,

Wal-Mart's view

Target's upbeat view contrasts with rival Wal-Mart Stores Inc. The world's biggest retailer issued a fourth-quarter profit outlook that came in below Wall Street expectations.

- Wal-Mart is considered an economic bellwether because the retailer accounts for nearly 10 per cent of non-automotive retail spending in the U.S. The latest results show that many low-income Americans continue to struggle even as the housing and stock markets are improving.

- It's estimated the typical Wal-Mart customer has an average household income of between \$30,000 and \$60,000, rents their homes and doesn't own stock.

That's up from \$555 million US a year earlier.

The current quarter's performance included a 15-cent gain tied to the retailer's sale of its consumer credit-card business to TD Bank Group.

Target, which had been looking for a buyer for nearly two years, announced the deal last month.

The company said customers spent more on each visit, and cited strong sales of food, health and beauty products, and back-to-school items.

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Rona. Retailer calls meeting in bid to calm unhappy shareholder

A battle for control at Rona Inc. could be put off for six months after the home renovation retailer called an annual meeting in May and said it would look into replacing some of its directors.

The Quebec-based hardware company said Thursday it has asked a head-hunting firm seeking a new CEO for Rona to also identify potential candidates for directors as it looks to increase representation from outside Quebec.

Spokeswoman Michelle Laberge said the actions were already underway when Invesco Canada, its second-largest shareholder, announced Wednesday that it would seek to sweep out and replace the existing board.

Laberge said executive search firm Korn/Ferry International was initially asked to

seek new directors in September. Finding a replacement for Robert Dutton was only added to its mandate after the long-time chief executive resigned last week.

By announcing the annual meeting, Laberge said Rona has precluded the possibility of an earlier special meeting that was requested by the dissident shareholder.

Invesco, which holds about 11 per cent of Rona's stock, is among the shareholders who are unhappy with years of weak results at Rona and the board's unwillingness to entertain a \$14.50-per-share cash takeover bid from U.S. rival Lowe's that represents about a 45 per cent premium from where the company's stock has traded for much of the past year.

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McDonald's

Chain ousts head of U.S. operations

McDonald's Corp. is hoping a leadership shake-up for its U.S. business will help it fight off intensifying competition.

The chain said Thursday that Jan Fields, president of McDonald's USA, will be replaced by Jeff Stratton, its global chief restaurant officer, effective Dec. 1.

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Chrysler

More jobs at Michigan plants

Chrysler plans to add up to 1,250 jobs at three Detroit-area factories as it prepares for a rise in pickup sales. The company said Thursday that it will invest \$238 million at engine plants in Detroit and suburban Trenton, Mich., and add a third shift at a pickup truck factory in nearby Warren, Mich.

Google is investing \$75 million US in an Iowa wind farm as part of its effort to encourage development of cleaner energy sources.

The deal announced Thursday gives Google Inc. a stake in the Roppe Wind Farm in Greene County, Iowa. RPM Access LLC is the primary owner.

The wind farm is located about 210 kilometres northeast of Council Bluffs, Iowa, which is home to one of the eight data centres that power Google's Internet-search engine and other services.

The Iowa data centre won't be getting power from the wind farm.

The high electricity demand of Google's massive data centres is one of the reasons the company backs

Wind farm. Google extends commitment to green energy



Wind turbines at the Vantage Wind Farm stand above the clouds Wednesday at Vantage, Wash.

YAKIMA HERALD-REPUBLIC/GORDON KING/

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energy projects that cause less pollution than traditional power plants.

Google's investments in renewable energy now exceed \$990 million US.

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Star Wars action figures make toy hall of fame



Star Wars figures, from left, Ben (Obi-Wan) Kenobi, Princess Leia Organa and Darth Vader are shown in this 1999 file photo, in front of other packaged characters from the film. On Thursday, the National Toy Hall of Fame announced its class of 2012 would include Star Wars figures and dominoes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Playtime classics.

To date, 49 items have been inducted into the U.S.-based museum

Star Wars action figures are joining centuries-old dominoes in the U.S. National Toy Hall of Fame's class of 2012, announced Thursday.

Star Wars action figures went on the market after the 1977 release of the classic movie. The figures of Han Solo, Chewbacca, R2-D2 and others were sold until 1985 and again

from the mid-1990s to today.

Museum officials said their phenomenal popularity inspired other toy makers to tie their products to movies and television series, and they noted the toys' appeal extends to adults, who continue to collect them. Dominoes originated in China in the 1300s and appeared later in Europe in a slightly different form.

The two toys beat out plastic green army men, the board game Clue, the Fisher-Price Corn Popper, Lite-Brite, the Magic 8 Ball, the pogo stick, sidewalk chalk, the electronic game Simon, the tea set and

Twister.

To date, 49 toys have been chosen for the hall of fame. They range from classics, like Play-Doh and Slinky, to the less obvious, like the stick and cardboard box.

Officials at the Toy Hall of Fame say anyone can nominate a toy, and thousands of suggestions come in every year. An internal committee of curators, educators and historians chooses the finalists, and then a national selection committee votes for the winners.

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Eurozone falls back into recession

The 17-country eurozone has fallen back into recession for the first time in three years as the fallout from the region's financial crisis was felt from Amsterdam to Athens.

And with surveys pointing to increasingly depressed conditions across the 17-member group at a time of austerity and high unemployment, the recession is forecast to deepen, and make the debt crisis — which has been calmer of late — even more difficult to handle.

Official figures Thursday showed that the eurozone contracted by 0.1 per cent in the July to September period from the quarter before.

The decline reported by Eurostat, the EU's statistics office, was in line with market expectations and follows on from the 0.2 per cent fall recorded in the second quarter. As a result, the eurozone is technically in recession, commonly defined as two straight quarters of falling output.

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Canadians will spend \$1,182 on gifts, decorations, entertaining and travel this holiday season, according to an RBC survey. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Holiday spending. There'll be less under the tree this year, new survey predicts

A new survey suggests Canadians may be a little more frugal this festive season.

The RBC Canadian Consumer Outlook found that while most Canadians appear to be in a gift-giving mood, they plan on spending less over the holidays than they did last year. Those who celebrate year-end festivities will spend \$1,182 on gifts, decorations, entertaining and travel, down six per cent from last year's anticipated amount.

The survey suggests shoppers who plan on buying gifts are likely to shell out \$629 on

their purchases, down from the \$640 anticipated last year.

The online survey was conducted by Ipsos Reid and involved 3,375 Canadians across the country. The poll is accurate to within plus or minus 1.9 percentage points of the entire Canadian population.

The results of the RBC survey released Thursday stand in contrast to findings from some other analysts, who believe Canadians will be more generous with their finances over the holidays this year.

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1 Justin Trudeau for king. It will probably end up as a formality,

but the federal Liberal leadership race is on, so far pitting the sexy son of a legendary philosopher-visionary prime minister against someone named Martha Hall Findlay. Gotta like them odds, Martha.

2 Old white men just wanna have fun. Renowned for his strategic brilliance, Gen. David Petraeus also demonstrates that he can think with his little brain. After his affair with his biographer is revealed, Mrs. Petraeus is in shock, if not awe. Now the old soldier would dearly love to fade away ... or crawl back under a nice rock.

3 Navel-gazing for science. The belly buttons of 66 volunteers at North Carolina University were examined and researchers announced they contained 2,368 bacterial species, 1,458 of which may be new to science. One belly button alone harboured 107 species. I realize I say this a lot, but I am not making this up.

4 Why do lemmings jump over the fiscal cliff? Let me get this straight. Unless the U.S. Congress and the president come up with a new plan, a series of budgetary changes mandated to take place in the new year will plunge the world into recession? Why do I have a bad feeling about this?

5 Like THIS on Facebook. The Israeli Defense Forces blow up the car carrying the head of military operations for Hamas, immediately post the attack on YouTube and send the following tweet: "Ahmed Jabari: Eliminated." Geez.

6 And then there's Nik Lewis. In another inappropriate tweet, the slotback for the Calgary Stampeders issues the following bulletin: "I just bought O-J's gloves on eBay. Now all I need is a white girl named Nicole." First we had computer viruses, now we have social-media disease.

7 Fifty million French persons outraged. The French government apparently feels the need to save its citizens from Nutella, that hazelnut-and-chocolate spread that no French person can get through the day without. The Nutella tax, as it's being called, increases the price of the oil used to make Nutella by three times. What's next? Foie gras?

8 Bieberwatch. No doubt overwrought after his breakup with Selena Gomez over the weekend, Justin Bieber was pulled over by a Hollywood cop for making an unsafe left turn. How about that? He's old enough to drive. It's his second violation in six months. The other one was for driving without training wheels.



Been doing some navel-gazing lately? Betcha didn't know there's a whole kingdom of different species in there — some not even known to scientists yet. FLICKR

A human-made mandala



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Guinness record

Indian dancers set world record

Thousands of participants take part in the largest kaikottikali, a traditional Indian dance, in Mumbai — an achievement to celebrate Guinness World Records Day on Thursday.

The eighth annual event brought together more than 420,000 people worldwide, attempting to break an array of unique and amazing records. METRO

Dance in numbers

2,639

participants in the kaikottikali dance, the largest-ever event of its kind and a world-first: A dance of this scale is unprecedented.

Kaikottikali is a famous group-dance performed by women in the southwest Indian state of Kerala. This spectacle has eight to 10 women dancing in a symmetrical form. The dancers move in a circular pattern, accompanied by rhythmic hand-clapping, to the tune of the ritual song Thiruvathira pattu. As they move, they bend sideways, with their arms coming together in graceful gestures.

Other records

- Most underpants worn. 266 by Australian Steve Jacobs, who beat the previous record held by himself: 247.
- Most people crammed in a Mini Cooper. 28 is the new record for most people crammed in a modern Mini in London, England. Dani Maynard and her team beat the previous record by one person cramming in for a total of five seconds.



A graceful dance that smashed record: The world-first mass kaikottikali dance was organized by local charity Mumbai Pooram Foundation.

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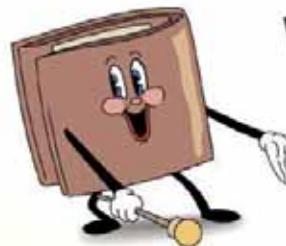


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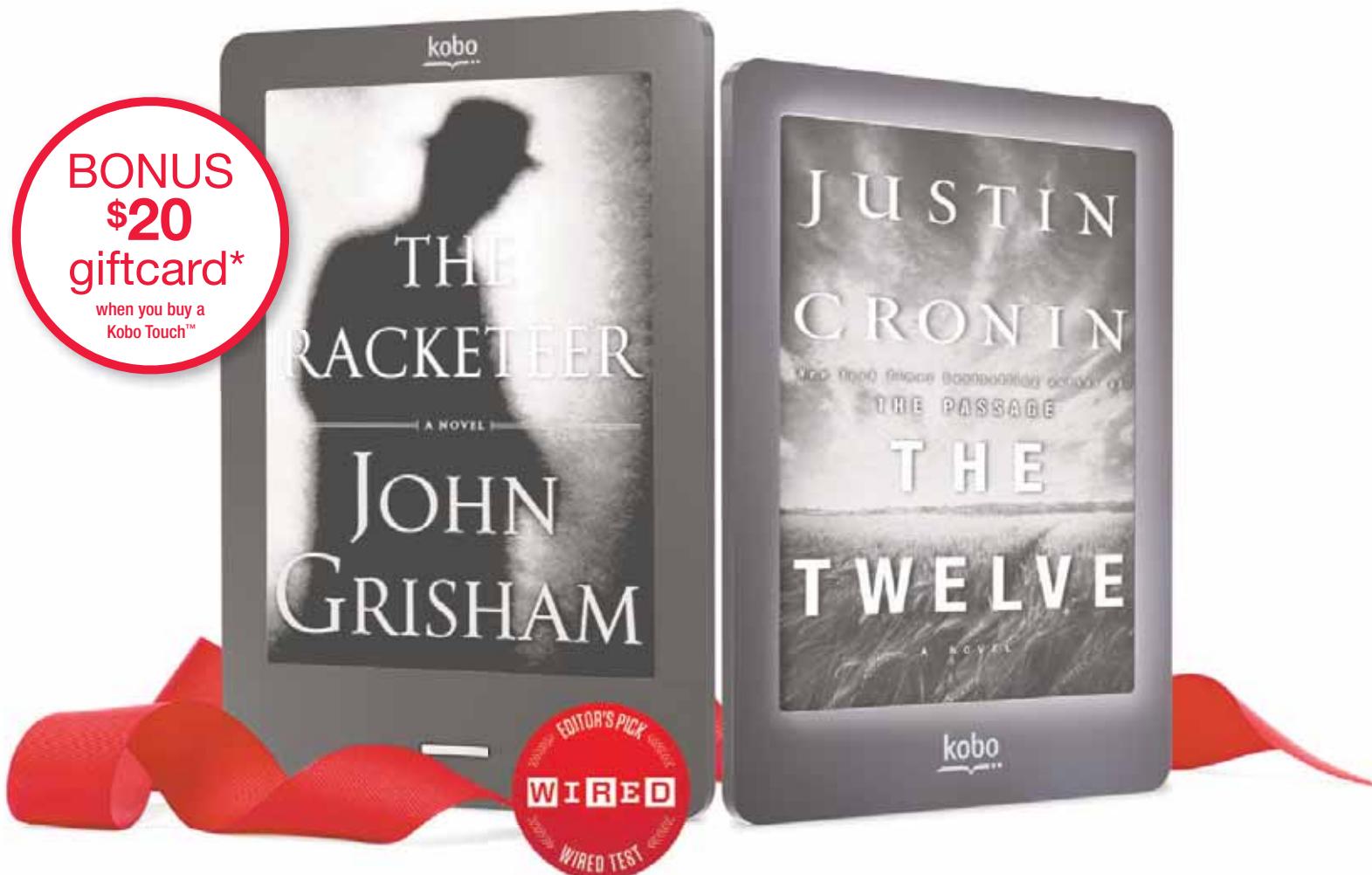
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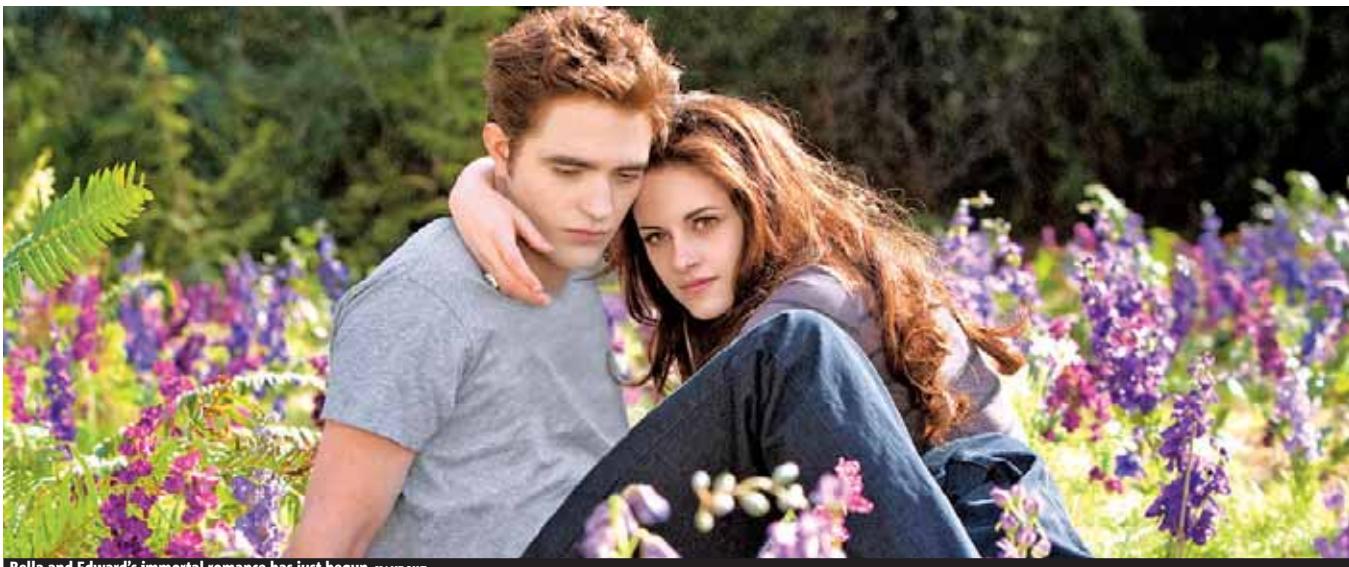
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Bella and Edward's immortal romance has just begun. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN



Breaking Dawn - Part 2. In this Reel Guys, Liz Brown, a TwiHard, helps skeptic Richard Crouse understand the final installment

Richard: Liz, this is it... or is it just the beginning of Edward and Bella's immortal romance? I don't know. All I know is the film franchise is over and it goes out with probably the most enjoyable movie of the bunch. It's out with the angst, and in with a newfound sense of fun. The previous movies struck me as overly ponderous; this one is actually quite funny, occasionally bordering on camp. And that's OK given that the story of vampire babies and ab-tastic werewolves is rather silly. Tell me, superfan, what did you think?

Liz: Richard, the first step is admitting you have a prob-

lem — and I do. I fell for the fang when I picked up Christopher Pike's The Last Vampire series in Grade 6. Twilight brought me back to that time — daydreaming about brooding, loner vampires and wishing I had superpowers. It seems in this last installment the franchise has whole-heartedly embraced its camp. I prefer my femmes to lean towards the fatale, so it was nice to see Kristen Stewart finally stop biting her lip and show us her blood-thirsty side.

RC: I agree! Four movies of brooding Bella and Edward's ennui was enough. The sad faces and staring off into space may have captured the pain of teen love, but, if you'll excuse the pun, they also sucked some of the lifeblood from the story. The newlyweds still share eternal love, but now they're having some fun. Edward, if you watch closely, even smiles occasionally. It's a big step from the first installments and, unsurpris-

ingly, it makes for a more fun movie.

LB: I'm sorry Richard, I'm still firmly Team Jacob, so I didn't pay Edward much heed. But I'll agree — the actors are having fun in this final hurrah. The most fun for me? Jacob's semi-nude explanation of the supernatural. Judging from the cheers in the crowd, I'm not the only one who enjoyed it. But I was a little disappointed with the action scenes. I know it's a film for tweens, but couldn't the battles have a bit more style?

RC: I thought I heard you let out a squeal when Lautner stripped down. Don't worry. I won't tell anyone. The action scenes are bloodless for the most part. The Walking Dead makes this look like Sesame Street, but I liked the steely look of determination on Dakota Fanning's face throughout. I just hope she wasn't paid by the word for her mostly mute performance.

Synopsis
It can be said that the world can be divided into two groups: Those who like the Twilight movies and those who don't get the vampire romance movies. We look at why fans are addicted to this undead love story.

• **Richard:** •••••

• **Liz:** •••••

LB: Yes, Fanning's Jane doesn't get too many lines this time out, but overall this film is less talky than the others — and that's a good thing. I'm sad to bid farewell to the Cullens, but I'm certain they'll be happy in their "perfect piece of forever." My inner tween now anxiously awaits the next adventure of Katniss Everdeen.

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Actors find the silver lining in tough roles

Silver Linings Playbook

Playbook. Working with David O. Russell drew out raw performances in Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence

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Director David O. Russell is a rare breed of filmmaker whose name transcends the project it's attached to.

Mark Wahlberg tried for years to get the Fighter made before Russell got on board — and just try explaining I Heart Huckabees to someone who's never seen it.

So it was with Silver Linings Playbook, the director's latest starring Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence.

"These are the kinds of films I dreamed about making as a kid," says Cooper, who cites Russell's Spanking the Monkey as a favourite of his.

Lawrence says she didn't even read the script before taking the part.

"Then I did and I was glad I said yes."

After having its world premiere at this year's Toronto International Film Festival the story of a mentally ill teacher trying to put his life back together won the fest's People's Choice Award.

What makes Russell's films so unique, says Lawrence, is his ability to make the audience sympathize with unsympathetic characters.

"He's the only filmmaker



Silver Linings Playbook, starring Bradley Cooper, opens next Wednesday.
HANDOUT

who gives audiences a choice not to like people."

Yes Russell has a reputation for being brutal with his actors.

A clip on YouTube called I Don't Heart Huckabee shows the filmmaker verbally berating actress Lily Tomlin on the set for Huckabee.

Russell explains that he likes working with actors who can figure out a scene on the spot.

Lawrence calls working with him "perfection," while Cooper says, "David has a unique ability to get people to go to their core instantaneously."

"The actors gave so much of themselves," says Russell. "We had choices in the editing room. We could have

Quoted

"He's the only filmmaker who gives audiences a choice not to like people."

Jennifer Lawrence on David O. Russell's ability to make audiences sympathetic to unsympathetic characters.

made them so much less likeable."

The rawness of their performances are on the screen. Cooper's character Pat has just been released from a court ordered mental institution and is prone to violent outbursts after moving in with his parents.

Despite a lack of social graces, Pat befriends Tiffany, a widowed sex addict played by Lawrence, who promises to get him in touch with his

estranged wife.

Neither character's lives are clean says Russell. In fact they're quite messy, but both share their feelings and tell the truth.

Given the dark subject matter, that the film retains Russell's trademark black humour is a testament to the realness of the characters says Cooper.

"When that starts to happen it gets funny, it gets tragic — it gets real."

Drama



Lincoln

Director. Steven Spielberg

Stars. Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field

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Lincoln focuses on a short period in Honest Abe's career, zeroing in on the backroom politics that led to the passage of the anti-slavery 13th Amendment through the House of Representatives. The first glimpse of Daniel Day-Lewis as Abraham Lincoln feels like watching a Yankee five-dollar bill come to life. It's a remarkable performance in a movie filled with great acting. Tommy Lee Jones and Sally Field also impress, but it is director Steven Spielberg who really brings this ambitious and important story to life.

RICHARD CROUSE

Comedy/Drama



The Sessions

Director. Ben Lewin

Stars. John Hawkes, Helen Hunt

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The Sessions should be anything but the joyous, feel-good flick that it is. Based on the real life of Mark O'Brien (played brilliantly by John Hawkes) a quadriplegic poet and writer who hired a surrogate to explore his sexuality, moviegoers may expect murky melodrama. Instead, writer/director Ben Lewin refuses to patronize, gracing the film with a light, matter-of-fact quality. The result is an intelligent, nuanced comedy that reassures audiences of their own relationship to sexuality.

STEVE GOW

Quoted

"It was such a moving experience I think because the winter was so hard with all the bad publicity and the insults."

The film was a chance for the residents "to have a place to speak for yourself and be recognized."

"There were a lot of old people who watched the film and they were just hugging me and (saying), 'Thank you!'

Acclaimed Abenaki filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin on recently screening her film The People of the Kattawapiskak River: The Story of the 2011 Housing Crisis for the people of Attawapiskat. The film puts a human face on a crisis in the Cree community in Northern Ontario that most people discovered in brief images of decrepit housing on the evening newscasts or in angry exchanges in the House of Commons. The community had declared a state of emergency on Oct. 28, 2011, and in the fallout Canada received a rebuke from the United Nations.

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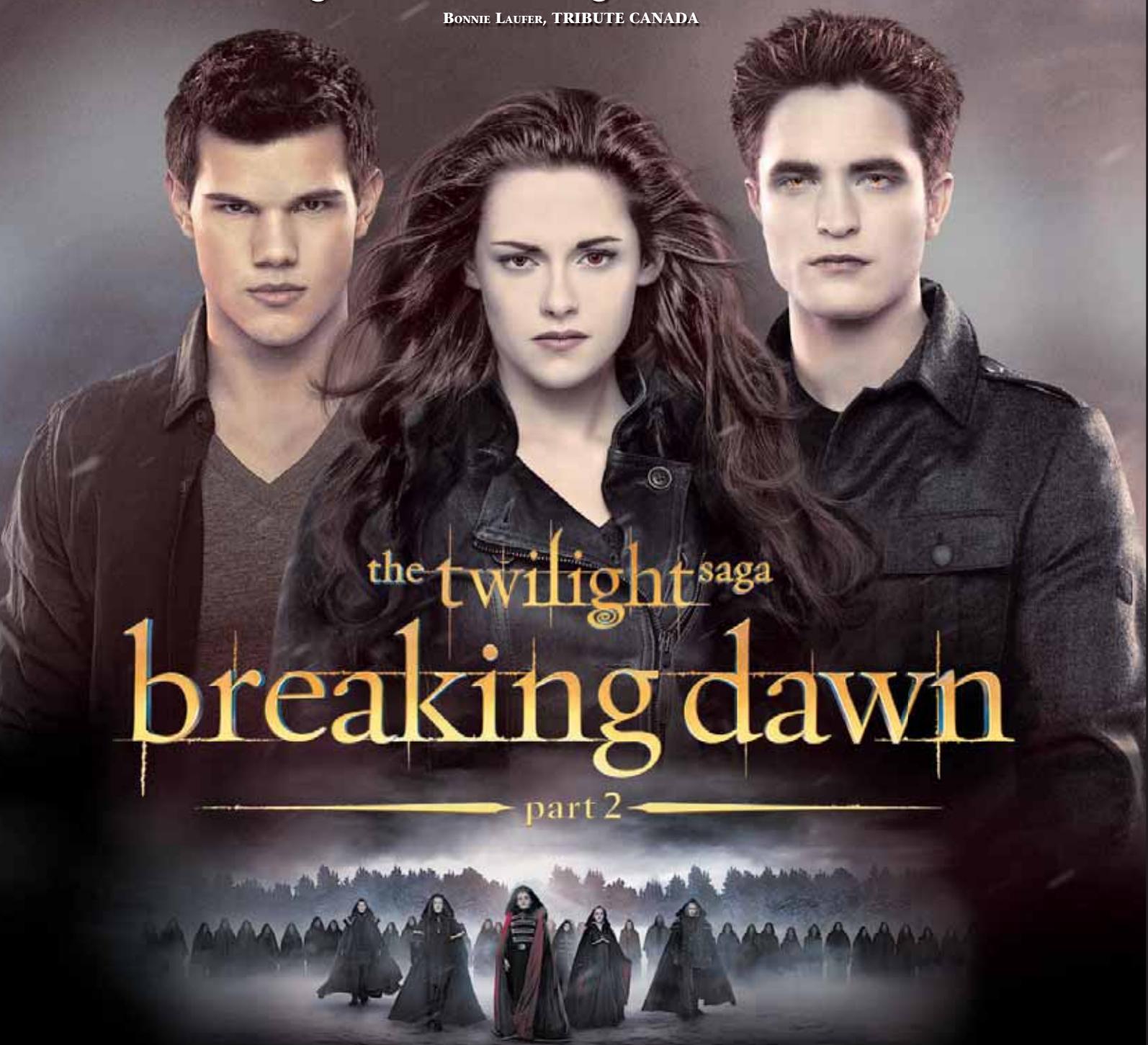
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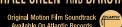
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Television. Obligatory wedding episode coming to 30 Rock this season



Wedding bells are ringing for Tina Fey on 30 Rock. HANDOUT

Liz Lemon is getting married and you're invited.

Fans of 30 Rock might have reasonably assumed that Lemon, the harried TV producer played by Tina Fey, would ride out the series' seventh and final season as a perennial bachelorette unlucky in love. But Fey, who is also the creator and producer of the NBC comedy, clearly thought otherwise.

In the 30 Rock episode airing Nov. 29, Lemon will wed.

Who's the lucky guy? He's Liz's latest fella, Criss Cross (played by guest star James Marsden), a Peter Pan-ish would-be entrepreneur who hatches ventures such as an organic gourmet hot-dog truck.

On Thursday, NBC made the grand announcement that Ms. Elizabeth Mervaldis Lemon, 42, would be presenting herself to be married to Mr. Christopher Rick Cross: "But not in a creepy way that perpetuates the idea that brides are virgins and women are property."

The invitation also specifies that guests (i.e., you view-

ers) should plan to "bring your own snacks."

No preview of the episode has been made available.

The series, which airs Thursdays, will conclude early next year.

30 Rock is the saga of Lemon, the overextended producer of a fictitious comedy show loosely inspired by Saturday Night Live (where Fey toiled for nine seasons as cast member and writer). Liz is surrounded by kookie comrades like company boss Jack Donaghy (Alec Baldwin) and Tracy Jordan (Tracy Morgan), her boisterously unhinged star.

A recurring theme of 30 Rock has been Lemon's comically flawed love life. Short-lived boyfriends have included quirky airline pilot Carol Burnett (played by Matt Damon), immature businessman Dennis Duffy (Dean Winters) and dim-witted pediatrician Dr. Drew Baird (Jon Hamm).

But clearly there was something special about Criss, who first arrived on the scene last season.

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Kelly Clarkson's newest album, Greatest Hits: Chapter One, is being released on Monday. MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Despite country duets, Clarkson staying in pop

Greatest hits album.

Former American Idol talks about new disc, future plans for her music career and personal life

Quote

"I'm not ever gonna be one thing. I want great music. I don't care what it is."

Kelly Clarkson

Talking about getting into the country music scene from time to time.

There's a reason Kelly Clarkson has performed duets with country superstars like Reba McEntire, Jason Aldean and Vince Gill but never one of her Top 40 colleagues in the 10 years since she became the first American Idol. They've turned her down — eight times.

"I have, like, 5,000 duets in country music," Clarkson says, flashing a smile. "I don't have one in pop. That's legitimately because everyone turns me down. I'm not even kidding. I've asked so many artists to sing with me. Everyone legitimately turns me down! The only one that

hasn't was Chris Daughtry."

The sugary sweet pop star who's called Nashville, Tenn., home for the past six years isn't naming names (and much to the dismay of fans, her collaborations with fellow Idol alum Daughtry were never released.) While she hasn't exactly been able to hook up with the perfect pop ally, Clarkson has found a partner outside the recording studio.

When asked what's impacted her life most over the past 10 years, other than winning the Idol prize, Clarkson doesn't hesitate to say it's falling in love with current boyfriend Brandon Blackstock, a Nashville-based tal-

ent manager whose father is Clarkson's own manager and stepmother is McEntire. The pair has been an item for the past eight months.

"I completely fell in love," she says. "Welcome to Cheesecake! I did. I don't know. Your priorities kind of shift and you become happier, and all that stuff. It's probably my best accomplishment because I think, for me, especially, I just didn't think it would happen. It's like one of those cheesy love songs that didn't exist, but it does, so that's cool."

Clarkson was originally apprehensive about releasing a Greatest Hits album. She's only 30, after all. Her label

convinced her that it would be a celebration of her music career since winning the first season of Idol in 2002. And she could record some new tunes, including Don't Rush, her soulful throwback country duet with Gill.

Another duet, her Don't You Wanna Stay collaboration with Aldean, helped her score a nomination for female vocalist of the year at the Country Music Association Awards. Obvious fan interest combined with her affinity for the music has led to speculation she might one day release a country album.

Despite the camaraderie she feels from the Nashville music scene, she isn't fully committed to making a leap from pop diva to country star. Though she isn't ruling out going country from time to time.

"I'm not ever gonna be one thing," she says. "I want great music. I don't care what it is." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Keira's Karenina flips costume drama on its head with ballet-like production

Period drama.

'...people are either going to love it or absolutely (expletive) hate it...''

Keira Knightley's language was anything but prim and proper when she discovered what director Joe Wright had planned for Anna Karenina, their latest period drama together.

To hear Knightley tell it, some F-bombs were soundly dropped.

Knightley wasn't swearing out of anger with Wright, who directed her to an Academy Award nomination for 2005's *Pride & Prejudice* and to similar critical success on 2007's *Atonement*. She worried that Wright's unusual approach to Leo Tolstoy's epic of doomed romance would make the hard-sell of a period drama even harder.

While *Pride & Prejudice* and *Atonement* were fresh, lively takes for an age that finds costume drama drowsy, Wright planned a wild and possibly off-putting ride on *Anna Karenina*, confining most of the action to

a dilapidated theatre where the actors would perform in a stylized cinematic ballet without the usual grand sweep of period-drama locations.

"The first thing I said was 'Oh (expletive)'! I was like, well, people are really either going to love it or absolutely (expletive) hate it," Knightley said. "I also was going ... you're taking it and spinning it on its head and turning it into something that is potentially totally uncommercial. Into an experimental sort of art-house film..."

"I also went '(expletive), yeah. Let's give it a go.'"

The result is a fluid story that unfolds as much like dance as film, with a brisk pace compared to most period stories and contemporary sensibilities next to earlier takes on *Anna Karenina*, whose previous big-screen adaptations have featured Greta Garbo and Vivien Leigh.

Reality gives way to fantasy in the opening moment, as a barber approaches Anna's brother, Oblonsky (*Pride & Prejudice* co-star Matthew Macfadyen), like a matador approaching a bull

and shaves him clean with three lightning strokes of his razor. Walls roll aside, props rise up from trapdoors, a swirl of clerks in an office turns into a rush of waiters in a restaurant as Wright dispenses with realistic and time-consuming transitions in favour of a motion picture perpetually in motion.

The action in Moscow and St. Petersburg, where Knightley's Anna forsakes her staid husband (Jude Law) in an affair with a young cavalry officer (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), shifts around an aging theatre. The idea was inspired by Wright's reading of historian Orlando Figes, who commented that 19th century Russian socialites modeled themselves on Parisians and lived their lives as though on stage, emulating that ideal.

Wright has built a career emulating the ideal of the period drama, once a mainstay for movie audiences now mainly interested in futuristic action or stories of the here and now. But Wright keeps looking for fresh ways to tell those old stories to modern crowds.

"I feel that the stories

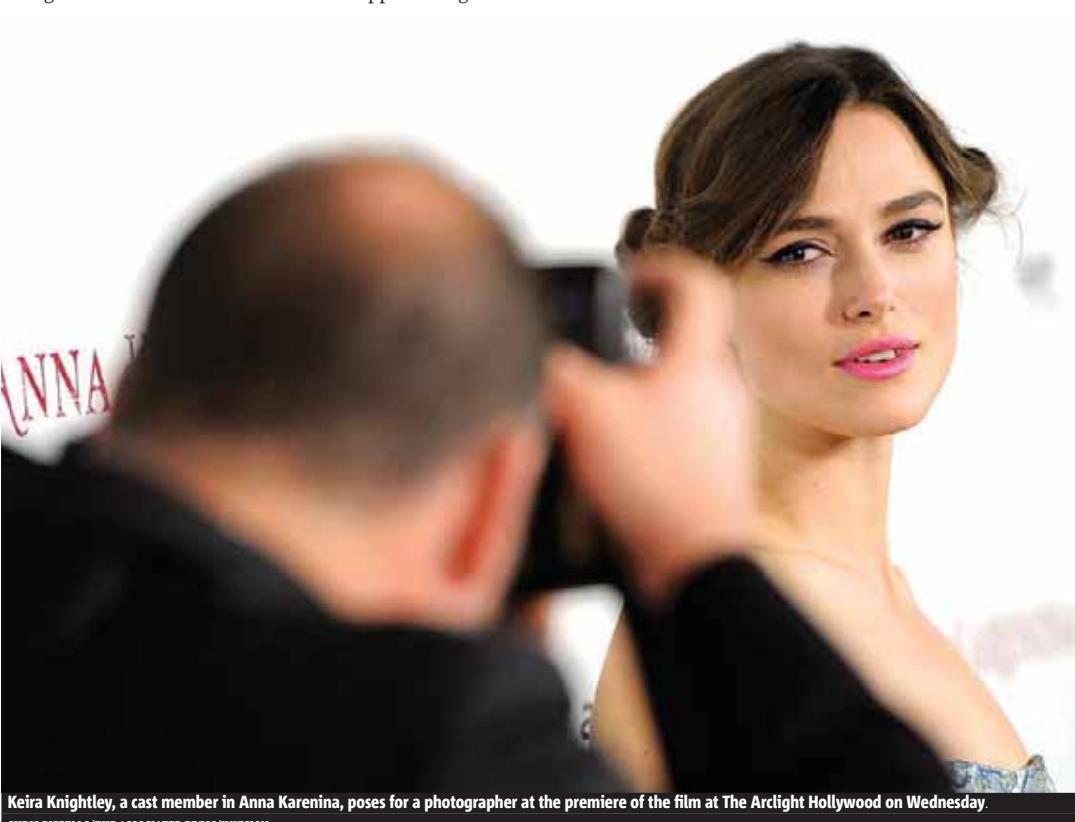
themselves are rich and relevant," Wright said. "The concern really is that the form that those stories are told in, it has become kind of stuffy and old-fashioned." But he adds, "just because it's set in the 19th century, it doesn't mean it has to look like it was shot in the 19th century."

One of the first people Wright had to win over on his bold approach to *Anna Karenina* was playwright Tom Stoppard, an Oscar winner for the Shakespeare in Love screenplay who had adapted Tolstoy's novel with a conventional location shoot in mind.

Two months before production began, Wright decided to switch the action to a confined space and sprang it on Stoppard, saying he would only go ahead if his writer agreed.

"He came around with a big folder of storyboards, and the more I got into it, the more interested and finally excited I was about it," Stoppard said. "It gives the movie a modern spirit, that's what it does. It's not the costume drama we've seen before."

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Keira Knightley, a cast member in *Anna Karenina*, poses for a photographer at the premiere of the film at The Arclight Hollywood on Wednesday.

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Colbert once again makes Canada the butt of a joke

Who's Attacking Me Now. Comedy host also aimed at Canada prior to 2010 Olympic Games

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Could the Earth's rectum be Windsor? I don't know. It could just as easily be Winnipeg."

Stephen Colbert

suckers" and "ice-holes" because he thought U.S. speedskaters weren't getting enough practice time on Canadian ice.

He eventually made amends, heading to Vancouver during the Games to film an episode of his show in front of an adoring crowd.

On Wednesday, Colbert delighted in referencing a poll from the CBC website indicating that — at the time — roughly three-quarters of respondents believed the publicity brought by Colbert would be positive for Windsor.

"Apparently, the 'Earth's rectum' is an improvement over Windsor's previous reputation," he said.

"So you're welcome, Windsor. You just got the Colbert bump."

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Stephen Colbert the faux-conservative host of the satirical Colbert Report, took to his show Wednesday night to confront Canadian critics who were apparently angry that the comedian referred to Windsor, Ont., as "Earth's rectum" in his new book, *America Again: Rebecoming the Greatness We Never Weren't*.

In a segment called Who's Attacking Me Now, Colbert claimed that the "maplestream" media in Canada had their "mittens in a bunch" over the apparent slam.

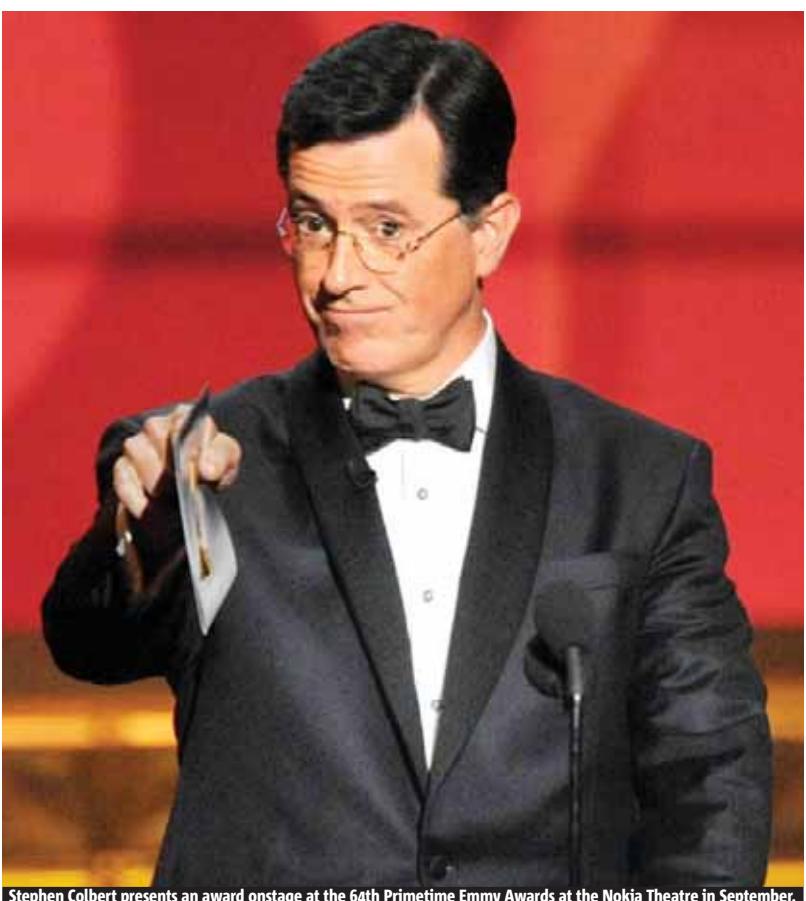
However, in a segment

rife with groaning puns on Canuck stereotypes, the 48-year-old Colbert warned Canadians not to get their "tuques in a twist."

"As a journalist, it is my job to ask these probing questions," Colbert said.

"Could the Earth's rectum be Windsor? I don't know. It could just as easily be Winnipeg."

Colbert memorably took aim at his neighbour to the north prior to the 2010 Olympic Games, when he labelled Canucks "syrup



Stephen Colbert presents an award onstage at the 64th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre in September.

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Andre 3000 talks music and trying to humanize Hendrix

Rock star biopic. Actor and musician aimed to find the regular guy inside the legendary guitar icon

In order to capture his best version of Jimi Hendrix for an upcoming biopic, Andre 3000 said he had to think of him as a regular dude and not a rock star.

"I didn't look at him as an icon because when you're in it, you don't know you're an icon. You don't know you're an icon until other people say you're an icon," the 37-year-old said in an interview Tuesday.

"So I had to take it as a person, you know what I mean? And I just tried to say, 'Well, what would Jimi want people to know that they can't get off of YouTube?' And that's how I approached it," he said.

Hendrix died at age 27 in 1970. He was ranked No. 1 on Rolling Stone magazine's great-

Being Hendrix

"I didn't look at him as an icon because you're in it, you don't know you're an icon."

Andre 3000
On playing rock star Jimi Hendrix.

est guitarists of all-time list. His band, The Jimi Hendrix Experience, is known for iconic albums such as Electric Ladyland and Are You Experienced.

All Is By My Side, which focuses on the early days of Hendrix's career, will be released next year. Andre 3000 is excited



Andre 3000 filmed the Hendrix biopic in Ireland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

to see the film, which he's finished shooting in Ireland. He believes the public "will be pleased."

Andre 3000, one-half of OutKast with Big Boi, has been out of the music scene in recent years, although he's been featured on songs by Beyoncé, Frank Ocean, Rick Ross, Ke\$ha and Young Jeezy.

OutKast's 2006 platinum-selling album, Idlewild, which accompanied a film of the same name starring the duo, was their last album. Their 11-time platinum Speakerboxxx/The Love Below won the 2004 Grammy Award for album of the year.

Big Boi, who released a solo album two years ago to wel-

coming reviews, will release a new solo disc, Vicious Lies and Dangerous Rumours, next month.

But Andre 3000 isn't in a rush to record an album.

"Some days I feel like I'll do it, some days I don't. Some days I feel like I don't need to, some days I feel like I want to do it before I die. So, I don't know



Jimi Hendrix, arguably the greatest guitarist ever, died tragically at the age of 27. HANDOUT

where to fall. I am just hoping one day I get that inspiration," he said at an event for Gillette's eMO'gency Styler Tour, which supports men's health and

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"It's a feeling for me. I can't just throw out an album to be rapping."

Andre 3000
When asked if he is bringing out a new record.

bum in three days and I'm like, 'This is what I want to say right now' – that can happen, too."

He also says he's constantly writing songs.

"I write all the time ... I actually stopped typing it in my phone because like a cloud is basically reading every thought that I have and I don't like that," he said. "So I went back to my paper and started writing."

He's not sure fans want a new OutKast album for the right reasons.

prostate cancer programs. The tour kicked off in New York, with stops scheduled in Chicago and Houston.

"It's a feeling for me. Like, I can't just throw out an album to be rapping," he said. "And I don't even know if it will be rap. I don't even know what it will be."

However, he could find the inspiration and complete an album in just a few days. "It could be a rush situation. Like if I feel that feeling and I record an al-

"Man, we've had a great ride. ... Like when we got into it when we were high school kids and we just wanted to do something fun and push it, and if it's not that then why do it?" he said.

"I'm not the type that prescribes to nostalgia, and most people say they want an OutKast album because they used to love it. Y'all don't even know if y'all still love it. You just know you used to love it. But you may not like it now, who knows?"

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Trent Reznor returns with a band featuring his wife, Mariqueen, and his soundtrack collaborator, Atticus Ross. Make sure you spell the title of the EP right: An Omen_(that underscore is not a typo.)



On the web



Want to hear these tunes? Visit metronews.ca/scene to listen to Alan Cross's selections.

Affection/Crystal Castles

Canadian band living in London records their third album (cleverly entitled III) in Warsaw then goes to war against Katy Perry for "selling sex to kids." Fascinating.

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Doom and Gloom/Rolling Stones

One of two new tracks on Grrr!, the new Rolling Stones greatest hits collection. Although the artwork is horrible, I still felt the need to drop \$150 on the super-deluxe box set.

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Rihanna. On board with a pop star as she kicks off her promotional 777-tour



Rihanna. GETTY IMAGES

Who wants champagne?

Rihanna serves true bubbly from a golden bottle into plastic cups, handing them out left and right to fans and journalists when walking down the centre aisle of the private jet that are taking us to seven cities in seven days.

The superstar and her entourage sit in business class but now she is walking past our video cameras and iPhones, a tiny figure in a black top, sun glasses and gold jewelry.

There are journalists and fans from five continents and more than 30 countries on the plane. Take off is, of course, two hours late and the scheduled press conference is cancelled. Rihanna seems to be the only one who knows what's going to happen next. And that she likes to party is no secret either.

The welcome greeting is

concluded with a "Let's get drunk!"

"This is what my life looks like. You better like it!" she says to her fans on the plane before returning to business class.

Jesper Melin, a 23-year-old plumber from Stockholm, is one of the lucky fans onboard. He was snoozing when Rihanna came past his seat.

"Are you asleep, baby? Here, have some champagne," she said to him.

Jesper's friend Daniel Thunell, 22-year-old tinsmith said hello to the superstar.

"It feels unreal and great. I took her hand, it was small and warm," he says.

The first show in Mexico City included many hits and one new song.

"She has changed style completely, it is so cool. Nice beats, it was great," says Jesper Melin. METRO WORLD NEWS

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The Word

Guy Fieri responds to scathing New York Times review

Guy Fieri is understandably upset with the New York Times' withering review of his new Times Square restaurant, Guy's American Kitchen & Bar.

"I just thought it was ridiculous," Fieri says in an interview with the Today Show.

"There's good and there's bad in the restaurant business. That one went overboard."

The review, a series of criticizing questions posed to Fieri about the restaurant, service and dishes, including, "Why did the toasted marshmallow taste like



fish?" "When we hear the words Donkey Sauce, which part of the donkey are we supposed to think about?" and, "When you hung that

sign by the entrance that says, WELCOME TO FLAVOR TOWN!, were you just messing with our heads?"

METRO WORLD NEWS



Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Love is all you need

Lindsay Lohan may have pinpointed the source of all her unhappiness. According to the troubled actress, she's never found true love.

"Love is scary and I'm yet to find that one person. Yes, I've been in love with people — maybe one or two — but I haven't really had a true love yet," she tells the Daily Mirror. I love being in love. There's nothing better than that first feeling of being in love, so I look forward to having that at some point."



Justin Bieber

Poor driving lands Bieber in hot water

The bad news keeps coming for newly single Justin Bieber.

The Canadian pop star returned to L.A. and within 24 hours found himself pulled over by the sheriff's department for his poor driving skills, according to

Hollywood.

"He was cited for an unsafe left turn and expired registration," a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spokesman says. Bieber is due in court January 14 for the citations.

Depp arranges private concert for daughter

Being the daughter of Johnny Depp certainly has its perks.

When the Pirates of the Caribbean star learned that British boy band One Direction was in Los Angeles last week, he had them come over to his home studio to give a private concert for daughter Lily Rose's 13th



birthday, according to the Sun.

"He brought out his piano and guitars for the boys to test and they had a little jam session," a source says. "Lily Rose just watched with her blushing mates while her dad temporarily joined the world's biggest boy band."



Elizabeth Banks

Banks announces birth of second son

Elizabeth Banks and husband Max Handelman welcomed their second son recently, a baby boy named Magnus Mitchell Handelman, she announced on her Web site.

"As 2012 winds down and Thanksgiving approaches, I have much for which to be thankful — personal, professional, and Presidential. However, nothing can match the joy and excitement my husband and I felt when we recently welcomed our second baby boy," Banks writes. "Magnus joins older brother Feliz, thus commencing a decade or more of close hand-to-hand combat."

Both of Banks' children were born via gestational surrogate.

Twitter



@ElizabethHurley

Thanku for humidifying tips!



@lancearmstrong

Back in Austin and just layin' around...



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Thanks for all the 21 Jump Street love. We're working on the sequel. It's so cool to work on it knowing people dug the 1st one.



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It doesn't matter how you slice it: Canadians love their pizza. Fresh or frozen, baked in a wood-fired brick oven or from a neighbourhood take-out joint, the way we devour it almost makes you think that Italians discovered the Great White North.

While my quest for that perfect mix of dough, sauce and toppings has taken me everywhere from Naples, Italy to Sydney, Australia, I've discovered that the hunt for the perfect pie really begins at home.

Making a pizzeria style version in your own kitchen isn't rocket science — especially when you keep things simple like a Pizza Margherita: The classic Napoli pie that, with its combo of tomato, mozzarella and basil, was designed to mirror the Italian flag.

As a general rule, your average pizza is pretty vino friendly. Without meaty influences, a lighter, leaner red makes the ideal quaffable match. Bolla's 2011 Valpolicella Classico (\$11.95 - \$15.50) is a perennial by-the-glasser at in-the-know pizza parlours. Its soft, fruity blend of cherry and subtle spice makes as happy a marriage with a Margherita-style pizza as it does with a mainstream.

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Master Italian with the Cake Boss

New cookbook. The TLC star shares 100 of his favourite recipes

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Sundays at Buddy Valastro's house are ruled by three f-words: food, family and football.

It's a day for the star of TLC's hit show *Cake Boss* to throw on his New York Giants jersey and munch on game snacks (wine, bread and prosciutto, in case you're wondering) while his wife, Lisa, whips up tomato sauce.

But the man behind Carlo's Bakery also knows his way around the kitchen — so much so that he has released *Cooking Italian with the Cake Boss: Family Favorites As Only Buddy Can Serve Them Up*.

The 100-recipe book features Italian-American dishes with signature touches that may just expand Valastro's boss reputation to boiling pots of potato gnocchi and simmering dishes of lasagna.

The book is dedicated to your wife. Who is really the boss in your kitchen?

I gotta give it up to my wife, she is definitely the boss of cooking in my house. She does 90 per cent of it. I wanted to dedicate a book to her and I'm so happy it's this one because a lot of the recipes are hers, so I feel like I didn't just steal from her.

I have to pit you against your mom and your wife, and ask, who is the best cook?

Oh, I'm definitely the best cook out of the three. They won't even try to deny it. My food has a lot more flavour profile to it. I attribute that to having a really



Buddy Valastro has released a new Italian cookbook. SUBMITTED

unique palate. When I'm at a restaurant and I eat something, I can pick apart what's in it.

Is there anything you haven't mastered in Italian cooking?

I don't consider myself a master. I think that I'm a really good cook. I'm not intimidated to try anything. At the end of the day, nothing brings families together like food, but sometimes people get in a rut. Take my wife, God bless her, great cook ... but she makes the same stuff every week. So I want the book

to make people think, 'You know what? Instead of making plain veal cutlets, I'm gonna make Veal Saltimbocca. Let me try something new'.

Aside from Italian, what else do you like to cook?

Oh, I cook everything. My favourite is probably Asian.

Are we going to get a Cooking Chinese with Buddy book?

I don't know about cooking Chinese, but Buddy can make some damn good fried rice.

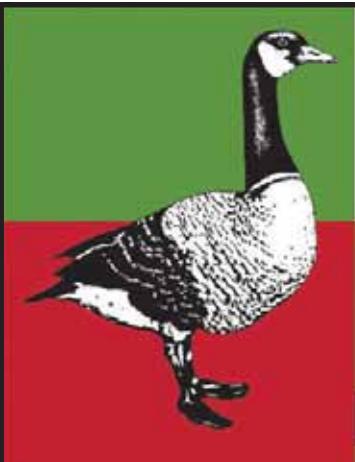
Recipe

Buddy's Pizza Margherita

- Position rack in bottom of oven and set pizza stone on rack. Preheat to 450 F.
- Lightly work surface and a pizza peel with cornmeal. Pat and stretch or roll out the dough to a 9- to 10-inch round. In one swift movement lift the dough by one edge and drag it onto peel.
- Use ladle to spoon sauce into centre of dough, then use back of ladle to spread it, leaving 1/2-inch border. Scatter mozzarella decoratively over pizza.
- Open oven and carefully slide pizza onto stone. Bake until crust is golden brown and cheese bubbles, 10 to 12 minutes. Remove pizza with peel. Scatter basil over pizza, season with pinch of salt, and drizzle with extra-virgin olive oil.
- Transfer pizza to a serving platter. Slice into 6 slices, and serve.

- Cornmeal, for dusting your work surface and pizza peel
- 1/3 Pizza Dough recipe (page 95) or store-bought pie
- 1/4 cup Pizza Sauce (page 97) or store-bought
- 4 oz fresh mozzarella, sliced into 1/4-inch-thick rounds and drained on paper towels
- 6 leaves fresh basil
- Kosher salt
- Extra-virgin olive oil, for serving

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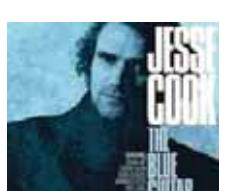
Got the Fever: Corb Lund

Award-winning singer Corb Lund kicks off a coast-to-coast Canadian tour in Halifax. His most recent release on New West Records — Cabin Fever — was Lund's highest Canadian Billboard top 200 debut, hitting #1 in its first week. Recently, the Juno award winner and seven-time Roots Artist of the Year winner at the Canadian Country Music Awards delighted audiences at the Americana Music Awards & Conference in Nashville.



Last Chance: Fishing

From the great mind of Jeremy Webb, and the folks at Off the Leash Creative Limited, comes Fishing at the newly christened Scotiabank Studio Theatre. Closing Sunday, it tells the somewhat true story of a man (Webb) searching for love with help from the Internet. Come watch a hilarious game of catch and release, all in the name of love. Sunday's closing show proceeds will go to support the Performing Arts Lodge (PAL). Visit: offtheleash.ca/fishing



Got the Blues: Jesse Cook

Saturday and Sunday the Rebecca Cohn will become the house of blues when Toronto-based world music guitarist Jesse Cook comes to town. A guitar phenomenon, composer, producer and photographer, Cook released his eighth studio album, The Blue Guitar Sessions, on September 18 in Canada. He has sold over one million albums worldwide, is a JUNO Award recipient and a three-time winner of the Canadian Smooth Jazz Award for Gutarist of the Year.



Big Night: Big Wreck

Canadian rock band Big Wreck takes to the Form Multi-purpose Centre stage Friday night. Their new album Albatross debuted at #5 on the Top 200 Soundcan list with the lead single, Albatross going #1 on Rock Radio charts, where it stayed for six weeks! With recently accepted fan-voted Casby Awards for Favourite New Album and Favourite New Single, Big Wreck steps out on another nationwide tour.



Opening Tonight: Studio 21 Fine Art

After 13 years on Lower Water Street, Studio 21 Fine Art is opening a new gallery space at 1273 Hollis St. with a timely exhibition of new work by artists Susan Wood and Janice Leonard. The new streetside location offers large wall space, plenty of natural light and visibility through its Hollis Street windows. Wood and Leonard's joint show, Time Present, Time Past, places the work of two skilled painters side by side for examination.

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Nigerian Beef Suya offers spicy and cheap satisfaction

Despite the sometimes intense diversity of faith and ethnicity in Nigeria, a nation of 160 million people, this thinly sliced meat — called Suya — is eaten everywhere. By everyone.

Whether from an open-air pit in the country's Muslim north or a roadside stand in its Christian south, the food remains cheap enough for most to afford in a nation where the majority earn less than \$2 a day.

Suya typically costs around 200 naira (\$1.25) a stick and can be made with beef and chicken cuts, as well as bits of kidney and liver.

An enterprising restaurant on Victoria Island in Lagos called Pizze-Riah offers it as a pizza topping.

At the Super Suya Spot in Surulere, a neighbourhood in Lagos, manager Salisu Adamu says people from London and

the U.S. buy his suya to take back home. Those eating it locally line up at the window of his store, ordering sticks already made and held inside a glass box, a single light bulb hanging precariously above for people to see what they're buying. Stacks of old newspapers sit nearby to bundle the suya to go.

1. Set oven-safe wire rack over a rimmed baking sheet. Coat the rack with cooking spray.

2. In a wide, shallow bowl, mix powdered peanut butter, paprika, ginger, 2 teaspoons of salt, garlic powder, onion powder and cayenne. Set aside 2 tablespoons of the mixture.

3. Using very sharp knife, cut steak into thin slices no more than 1/4 inch thick. Thread the steak onto wooden skewers.

4. Using pastry brush, lightly brush sliced steak on both sides with peanut oil. One at a time, place each skewer over bowl of seasoning mix and press onto the meat; it should be thick and almost paste-like. Arrange coated steak on the prepared rack.

5. Cover steak loosely with plastic wrap and let sit at room temp. 30 minutes. Meanwhile, heat oven to 300 F. After 30 minutes, uncover steak and roast 20 minutes. Flip skewers, then roast 20 more minutes.

6. Meanwhile, dice tomato, onion and cucumber, then combine in bowl. Add vinegar, toss, then season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

7. Remove pan from oven and increase heat to 400 F. Brush steak on both sides with more oil. When oven is at temper-

ature, roast another 5 minutes.

8. Sprinkle steak with the reserved 2 tablespoons of seasoning mixture. Serve with tomato-onion mix. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup powdered peanut butter
- 2 tsp sweet paprika
- 2 tsp ground dry ginger
- Kosher salt
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1/2 tsp cayenne
- 2 lbs sirloin steak
- 1/4 cup peanut oil
- 1 large tomato
- 1/2 small yellow onion
- 1 medium cucumber, peeled and seeded
- 1 tbsp cider vinegar
- Ground black pepper



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unique muffins prove sweet potatoes are more than a side dish or pie filling



This recipe makes 12 muffins. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1. Heat oven to 400 F. Line 12-cup muffin pan with paper cupcake liners.

2. Prick sweet potatoes several places with knife. Microwave on high (or on the baked potato setting) until tender, 10 minutes. Let cool, then peel and, in a bowl, mash with a fork. You should have about 1 1/4 cups of mashed sweet potato. Mix in buttermilk, then set aside.

3. In a medium bowl, stir together both flours, the baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and allspice.

4. In another medium bowl, combine butter and both sugars. Use electric mixer to

beat until the mix is light and fluffy, 3 minutes. Using spatula, scrape down sides of bowl. Add egg and vanilla, then mix on medium speed for about 1 minute, until thoroughly combined. Scrape down the sides of the bowl.

5. Add half flour mix and beat the batter on low speed just until mix is partly mixed. Add half buttermilk-sweet potato mix and mix until combined. Add the remaining dry ingredients and mix until just combined, then mix in the remaining buttermilk mixture.

6. Divide batter among the prepared muffin cups. Top it with the crystallized ginger

and bake on the middle rack of the oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until the tops are golden and a toothpick inserted at the centre comes out clean. Remove the muffins from the pan and

tip on their sides on a cooling rack; this prevents the bottoms from getting soggy. Let cool 10 minutes before serving. They are best eaten while still hot. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ingredients

- 3/4 to 1 lb sweet potatoes (2 small or 1 medium)
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, room temperature
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup chopped crystallized ginger

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Meet the new Michelin man

A new face. American Michael Ellis takes over the famous French food guides

Something new is in the stars for the Michelin Guide — the French restaurant reviewing institution is getting an American accent.

Colorado-born Michael Ellis, who took over the job early this year but made his debut U.S. tour as ambassador of the guides this fall, is the first American to head the Michelin Guide.

The idea that an American would be put in charge of "this bible of French gastronomy is kind of a big deal," says Colman Andrews, editorial director of TheDailyMeal.com. "The Guide Michelin is such a French institution, it would have been unthinkable even probably 10 years ago to think that an American would ever run it."

Another big deal: Ellis' challenge of finding a way to keep the guides relevant, and solvent, in an eat-and-tweet world.

Founded in 1900 by brothers and tire makers Édouard and André Michelin, the Michelin Red Guide listed places to get gas, food and other necessities to encourage motorists to get on the road, a good thing for the tire business. In 1926 the company introduced its star-

rating system for restaurants and in time being a one-, two- or three-star Michelin chef became a byword for quality.

But though having a high Michelin ranking can be a significant boost to a restaurant's takings, none of that revenue has been going to the guides, whose main source of revenue has been the sale of printed books. "Paper products are not a growth industry, I'll put it that way," said Ellis.

Last year, the Financial Times reported the guides were losing millions of dollars annually. Company officials don't divulge internal figures, but say they've made significant financial changes since then.

Ellis has a number of other changes under consideration:

- Expand the listings, including more cities in Asia, and add more U.S. cities. (Currently, only New York, Chicago and San Francisco are reviewed.)

- Widen the scope of the restaurants reviewed. It's a misconception that Michelin is strictly high-end, said Ellis. Only about 10 per cent of reviews are starred restaurants. There also are a number of restaurants included that don't have stars but are judged worthy of a visit, as well as the "Bib Gourmande" rankings of more casual places. Still, Ellis would like to see the guides get more comprehensive with coverage of such things as the best places to go for family pizza night.

- Increase the guide's online presence and identify new sources of income. Michelin has e-books and mobile apps and in France has launched a restaurant search engine with a promotional component. Only places that have been endorsed by Michelin inspectors are listed, but those that have made the cut can pay about \$90 a month for a "visibility pack" that makes their listing more



Michael Ellis is the first American to head the Michelin Guide. AERIC RISBERG/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

prominent. The French website also has a comment section. "People look for opinions now," Ellis said.

In a way, Michelin Guide faces the same problem as hallowed restaurants like Maxim's in Paris or the 21 Club in New York, said Andrews. "How do they modernize without losing their core identity? It's hard for restaurants to do it; I think it's hard for Michelin to do it."

Ellis thinks it's the Michelin legacy that makes it uniquely fitted to take on the challenges of the Internet age.

"We have our respected core — our professionals, they're food professionals," he said. "They're salaried Michelin employees; they're

anonymous so no one knows who they are and they always pay their check. So they really have experiences that the ordinary customer would have, unlike, say, food writers or journalists that can be recognized or don't pay their bills sometimes. That really gives us the independence that I think no one else has."

Ellis himself joined Michelin in 2007, heading up the motorcycle tire division, and got the call for his current job after mentioning in a regular career counselling session that he'd be interested in working with the guides.

"I literally fell out of my seat and said, 'Ok, I'll think about it... Yes!'" Ellis said with a laugh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

American takeover

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Colman Andrews, editorial director of TheDailyMeal.com on Ellis' position.

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The SGABA is the "voice of business in the Spring Garden Area," representing businesses to various levels of government and other key community stakeholders. It also sponsors such popular annual events as Shopping Under the Stars.

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2012 Parade of Lights

If you're shopping on or around Spring Garden Road on Saturday, Nov. 17, a treat is in store for kids of all ages. At 6 p.m., the 17th annual Chronicle Herald Holiday Parade of Lights kicks off.

The festive spectacle begins on Upper Water

ing this retail extravaganza on Nov. 16 and Dec. 7 help fill people with holiday spirit and their homes with gifts to put under the tree.

"This year we have more lighting and a unique 3-D mapping projection that will be beamed onto the side of the Credit Union Building at 5670 Spring Garden Rd.," says Tissington. "People won't want to miss it!"

With more than 200 diverse retail shops, the Spring Garden Area offers a wide variety of wares, from fashion and home decor to jewelry and gifts. More than 1,500 conveniently located parking spaces in the area mean you can park your car and stroll on foot to take in the shops and attractions.

Street at Cornwallis Street, continues over the Barrington Street overpass onto Barrington and turns right onto Spring Garden Road. It then turns left on South Park and right onto University Avenue, ending at the corner of University Avenue and Robie Street.

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A capella carollers raise spirits

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For many people, it wouldn't be Christmas without carols. For those hankering for some pre-holiday music to get them into a festive mood, a treat is in store on Spring Garden Road and the surrounding area.

On Friday, Nov. 16, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., an a capella quartet will sing popular Christmas-themed songs that will appeal to all ages.

The best part? The performance is free, so don't feel shy about stopping for a few minutes in the midst of a shopping spree to enjoy the sounds of the season.

"We'll have a soprano, an alto, a tenor and a bass," says John Lindsay-Botten, the founder and director of The East Coast Caroling Co., which is based in Halifax. "We'll be the four singers wearing matching red scarves strolling along Spring Garden Road."

During those three hours, and again during the same time period on Dec. 7, the carollers will also

pop into stores in on Spring Garden Road and its side streets to share their songs indoors. The singers plan to perform even if it rains or snows.

The quartet, which will be directed by Lindsay-Botten, who will also be singing, will even take requests from those passing by. The most popular? Frosty the Snowman, Jingle Bells and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer for the kids and O Holy Night and Silent Night for the grownups.

Lindsay-Botten chooses their song list from more than 100 traditional and contemporary holiday carols. While the group will mostly be singing the entire renditions of the songs, they might leave a verse or two out of the long ones like O Holy Night.

"If we can lift up people's spirits with music, then we've done our part," says Lindsay-Botten. "Hopefully they'll carry that good feeling beyond the holidays."

-Jane Doucet



Look for (from left) Michelle Calder, Leander Mendoza and Elisabeth Kleven carolling on Nov. 16 and Dec. 7 (missing from the photo is John Lindsay-Botten).

The origins of carolling

Christmas carolling dates back to the 19th century. Interestingly, carolling didn't always involve Christmas, and the ancient tradition of travelling from house to house to wish neig-

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Anyone who watched last summer's Diamond Jubilee concert that took place in front of Buckingham Palace will probably remember the performance by the 1980s group Madness. As the band members launched into their hit song "Our House," a digital curtain dropped and the palace behind them was magically transformed into a rundown tenement flat. The walls peeled back to reveal dancing teenagers inside.

The jaw-dropping show was provided by a bit of technical wizardry called 3-D mapping projection, a technology that has become popular at major events around the world in recent years. Now it's about to make its debut in Halifax as part of Spring Garden Road's Shopping Under the Stars event.

Carman Pirie is a principal at Kula Partners, the Halifax-based company behind the 3-D mapping projection show, which will be beamed onto the side of the Credit Union Building at 5670 Spring Garden Rd.

The exact nature of the show has been shrouded in secrecy, but it will have a holiday

theme and last about five minutes. "We're going to be running it at regular times throughout the holiday season," says Pirie.

The idea first emerged as a way of creating a spectacle in downtown Halifax that was unique. "We look at it as a way of giving a gift from the merchants of Spring Garden Road back to the city," says Pirie. Egg Studios in Halifax is creating the 3-D show, a job that will take several hundred hours of work to complete.

Pirie predicts that the spectacular show will be one of the hits of the Christmas season and that it will add one more dimension to Halifax's most unique shopping destination.

"More people should experience Christmas shopping in downtown Halifax," says Pirie. "There's really nothing else like it, and events like this will only add to that. It speaks well of the merchants of Spring Garden Road that they have gotten behind this event."

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Something for everyone at new Trillium shops

One of downtown Halifax's sharpest new shopping areas is celebrating its grand opening this weekend. The Trillium

Neighbourhood, the ground-floor retail section of the Trillium on South Park, is home to P'lovers, Hali Kids, Broadway

Cheesecake, Humani-T Cafe, Thornbloom, Pre.Am.ble and Fawcett Fine Jewels.

Shelby Lendum, the manager of P'lovers, says the new tenants are excited about the grand-opening weekend, which will kick off with a late-night opening for Shopping Under the Stars on Friday, Nov. 16. Most of the shops will be selling tax-free wares or offering a 15 per cent discount on non-taxed items.

There will be live music and demonstrations too. "Everyone's really excited," says Lendum. "There is literally something for every shopper here."

P'lovers moved into the building in May, leaving its long-time location in Park Lane Mall. Lendum says the decision to relocate took a lot of thought. But as they watched Trillium turn from a crater into a building, and once they got a look at the retail space, they knew they had found a new home.

"Trillium offered us the ability to redesign the space, based on the store's needs, from scratch," says Lendum.

The shop is flooded with natural light from its giant wall-to-ceiling windows. The ceiling was left unfinished, with exposed piping to reflect the store's ethos of environmentally friendly minimalism. P'lovers also has seating so people can relax and chat.

The new store is also bigger, allowing space for a changing room, instead of the former situation that involved using a spruced-up bathroom where customers could try on clothes. "The little luxuries make a big difference," says Lendum, laughing.

The stores at Trillium are generally big enough to be accessible to people who use wheelchairs or parents pushing double strollers. All of the shops have clean open concepts and lots of natural light.

Many shops in the Trillium Neighbourhood will be open late on Nov. 16 for Shopping Under the Stars. On Saturday, Nov. 17, there will be food and live music, while on Nov. 18 events will spill over to the sidewalk, weather permitting.

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Laugh it up in unique photo booth

T Moses Robichaud may be using state-of-the-art technology, but his business, Laugh It Up Photo Booth Services, is an old concept with a couple of modern twists thrown in. Robichaud sets up his digital photo booth at parties and events, complete with an assortment of props, costumes and backdrops.

"It's a lot of fun," says the Halifax-based entrepreneur. "Our company name is really appropriate, because a lot of people really do laugh it up when they see what we have to offer."

Once in the booth, participants can choose from a trunk

full of the following dress-up gear: a variety of hats (including top hats, Viking helmets and Vietnamese rice hats), wigs, glasses and even fake facial hair.

The backdrops can be changed too, from the sublime to the outright zany, including a popular mugshot backdrop that

Robichaud says is an especially big hit with law firms and business executives.

"People are usually hesitant at first," says Robichaud. "But as soon as they get in costume, they really get into the spirit of things."

After the photo shoot is

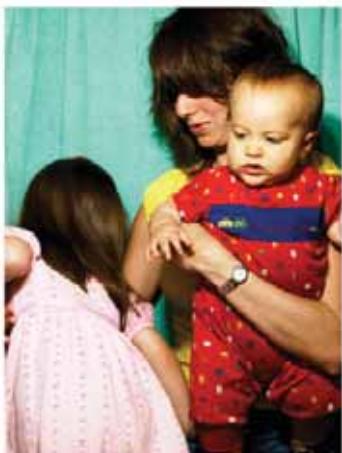
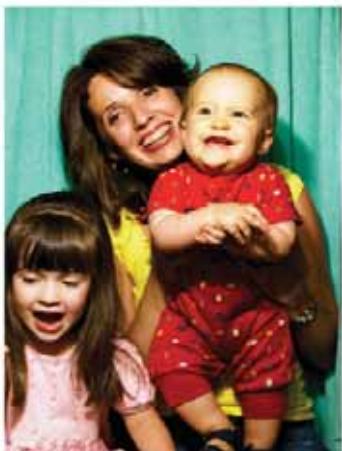
finished, photos are posted on a website that customers can access and use to download onto Facebook or other applications. They also get something else that isn't common these days: hard copies.

"People have gotten away from having hard-copy photos in the digital age," says Robichaud, "but it's something that our customers really appreciate."

This year, as part of Shopping Under the Stars, Robichaud will be setting up a Laugh It Up Photo Booth on Spring Garden Road. Shoppers will be able to stop in and take four photos for free.

Robichaud will have some Christmas-themed props on hand and also plans to take along his funny favourites. "It will be a great way to preserve holiday memories," he says, "and to have a few laughs at the same time."

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Streets bright with holiday lights

The long dark days of winter will soon be offset by the bright lights of Spring Garden Road, as area businesses illuminate in time for Shopping Under the Stars.

Nancy Tissington, the executive director of the Spring Garden Area Business Association, has been busy securing permits and lights for the Friday, Nov. 16, opening to the annual nighttime shopping festival.

The process began just days after Christmas 2011, when they took down the old decorative wreaths and realized they wouldn't last another year. The 420-member association bought new wreaths and increased the number of "shooting star" lights from just a few major intersections to covering most of the road.

For the first time, the side streets will also be lit with single stars and rope lighting. "It will give the area a little more

punch and pop," says Tissington. "Wherever there's a place we can plug in, we're hanging them. We're also adding festive banners to give the area a nice holiday feel."

The lights will cover Dresden and Birmingham streets. The association's total nine-block area ranges between South Park and Brunswick streets and Clyde and Sackville streets. The organization intends to add lights to South Park Street next year and fill in the gaps on Queen and Doyle streets, if they're unable to this year.

Construction projects in the area, plus a planned HRM revitalization of Spring Garden Road, have slowed their plans. "After that, we're going to hold tight until the revitalization of the streetscaping comes in," says Tissington.

The first lights went up after Remembrance Day, and the association aims to have them all installed by Nov. 16 for the first night of Shopping Under the Stars and for the Parade of Lights on Nov. 17.



The lights are low-consumption LEDs, which will reduce energy consumption for round-the-clock illumination. Tissington says plans for across-the-street lighting fell short this year, but she aims to have it in place for Christmas 2013.

-Jon Tattrie



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Mooseheads' Fucale finding his rhythm

QMJHL. Top-ranked goaltender seeing fewer pucks than in his rookie campaign



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Zach Fucale could be forgiven if boredom were to set in from time to time in the Halifax Mooseheads crease.

Charged with manning the net behind the No. 1 offence in the Canadian Hockey League, the 17-year-old star goaltender faces the fewest shots in the QMJHL — 23 per game — and is learning on the fly how to adjust.

It's a big change from his rookie season, when on many nights Halifax needed Fucale's best game to have a chance at winning — and more often than not, he delivered.

"It's not the same situation, for sure, it's quite obvious," said Fucale, who was the Mooseheads' co-MVP and won the QMJHL's Jacques Plante Trophy as defensive rookie of the year.

"But it's not an excuse. I've got to make sure I'm well prepared in my head, mentally, every night."

Fucale, ranked by the International Scouting Service as

Up next

The first-place Mooseheads, 17-2-0-1, host the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies (13-6-0-1) on Friday at 7 p.m. and the Val-d'Or Foreurs (10-9-0-2) on Sunday at 4 p.m.

the top goaltender available in the 2013 NHL draft, has a 142-1 record along with a 2.63 goals-against average and a .885 save percentage.

He leads the league in wins, is fifth in goals-against average and 15th in save percentage.

"I feel I could do more," Fucale said, noting he is focused on improving every day.

Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme said facing fewer shots has made it more difficult for Fucale to get into a groove stopping pucks — a groove he was in pretty much all of last season in 75 appearances.

"It's a different rhythm of the game, the focus is not the same and I think he's not quite used to it," Ducharme said. "He's been good, he's just struggling a little bit to build that momentum and be consistent."

According to those who know Fucale best, he has the mental makeup to level things out as the season goes on. World junior head scout Kevin Prendergast, for example, recently described Fucale's personality as among the most impressive he's seen in hockey over the past 20 years.

"He's such a smart kid, an intelligent kid, a mature kid, it's a matter of time for him to figure it out," Ducharme said.

Fucale is quick to point out that as much as things have changed from last season, his job remains exactly the same. "My job is to stop all the pucks — whether I have two shots or 45," Fucale said. "The boys have their job, I have mine. Together, we'll do our jobs and win some hockey games."



Mooseheads goalie Zach Fucale has been dealing with the good problem of facing a lighter load this season. METRO FILE

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Jazic up for MLS Fair Play Award

Bedford's Ante Jazic has been nominated for Major League Soccer's Fair Play Award for 2012.

The veteran Chivas USA defender is one of three nominees for the award, which is based on games, minutes played and sportsmanlike conduct. Jazic, 36, recently finished his seventh MLS season. METRO

CFL

Riders' George gets 1-game ban for Tate hit

The CFL suspended defensive lineman Tearrius George of the Saskatchewan Roughriders for the opening game of the 2013 season for an illegal hit in last weekend's West Division final.

George was suspended after a heading Wednesday with CFL commissioner Mark Cohon.

George delivered a helmet-to-helmet hit on Calgary quarterback Drew Tate in the second quarter of the Stampeders' 36-30 win over Saskatchewan on Sunday.

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Rainmen hire former rival as head coach

NBL Canada. Rob Spon, former coach of Quebec Kebs and Manchester Mill Rats, will take the reins in Halifax



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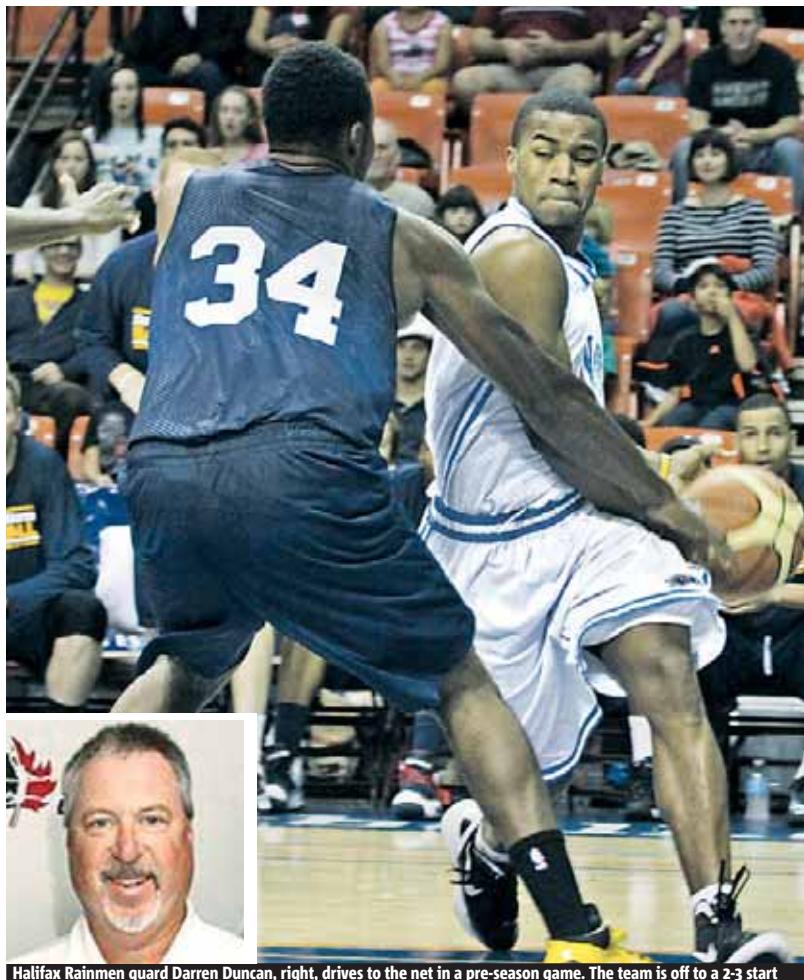
of ours and we've had some of our best games against him."

Spon guided the now-defunct Kebs to the NBL Canada playoffs last season with a 22-14 record before falling to the Rainmen in the semi-finals.

He also went 16-4 with the Mill Rats — who later moved to Saint John, N.B. — in the Premier Basketball League in 2009-10 and had a 1-4 stint with the Maryland Night-hawks in the same circuit in 2010-11.

"He's a players' coach, he's very well organized, he's a no-nonsense guy, and he's a guy who loves defence, same as I do, so I think we're going to make a good team," Livingston said. "He has competed for a championship every year and he's definitely who we want leading our team."

Spon won't arrive until Monday, meaning Colter Simmonds will serve as interim head coach when the Rainmen host the Moncton Miracles on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Metro Centre.



Halifax Rainmen guard Darren Duncan, right, drives to the net in a pre-season game. The team is off to a 2-3 start and has hired Rob Spon, inset, as its new bench boss. JEFF HARPER/METRO, INSET: QUEBEC KEBBS

CFL's final assessment

The Argonauts head into hostile and hectic territory and the Stampeders travel to Vancouver minus their No. 1 pivot, with spots in the Grey Cup game on the line

Photos by The Canadian Press/Torstar News Service

East final

Toronto at Montreal, Sunday, 2 p.m. (TSN) Here's something the Toronto Argos don't face every day — crowd noise, and lots of it. The more than 40,000 rabid Alouettes fans at Olympic Stadium for Sunday's

East final will be harassing the Argos in

both official languages, rattling the Big O's creaky rafters and making things difficult for Argos quarterback Ricky Ray and the Double Blue offence.

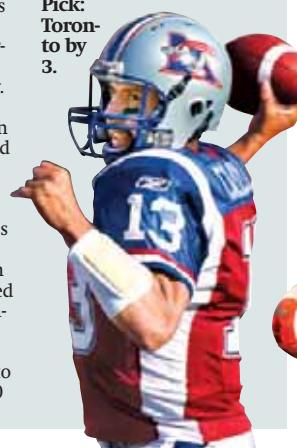
The Argos have survived and, in fact, thrived in similar noisy atmospheres this season. Toronto escaped Hamilton's ear-piercing Ivor Wynne Stadium with a win on Labour Day. The Argos also emerged from rowdy Taylor Field in Regina to secure a win and second place in the East and their first home playoff game since 2007.

To prepare for Sunday's Thunderdome experience, the Argos have been practising with noise piped into Toronto's Rogers Centre in anticipation of the real thing on Sunday.

Season series: Toronto slipped past the Als 23-20

in Week 5, with Ricky Ray throwing two TD passes. Montreal trounced the Argos 31-10 in Week 13 when Ray left the game early with a knee injury, while also beating the Argos 24-12 in Week 16.

Pick:
Toronto by 3.



West final

Calgary at B.C., Sunday, 5:30 p.m. (TSN) They were worried about his forehead just a couple of days ago, and now Drew Tate's forearm is causing headaches in Calgary.

The Stampeders quarterback is out for the rest of the season with a fractured right forearm, giving way to Kevin Glenn in Sunday's West final in Vancouver.

Tate arrived at practice Thursday with a cast on his throwing arm, just days after suffering an apparent concussion in

practice Thursday with a cast on his throwing arm, just days after suffering an apparent concussion in

the Stamps' 36-30 West semifinal win over Saskatchewan. Although Tate's head received a clean bill of health, he underwent an MRI and CAT scan Tuesday when the small fracture was discovered in his throwing arm, sidelining him for the biggest game of the year.

"We won 10 out of the last 12. Kevin started eight of those wins, so we'll just move on," Stampeders

coach John Hufnagel told the assembled media in Calgary.

Tate said he suffered the fracture in the third quarter of the win over the Roughriders.

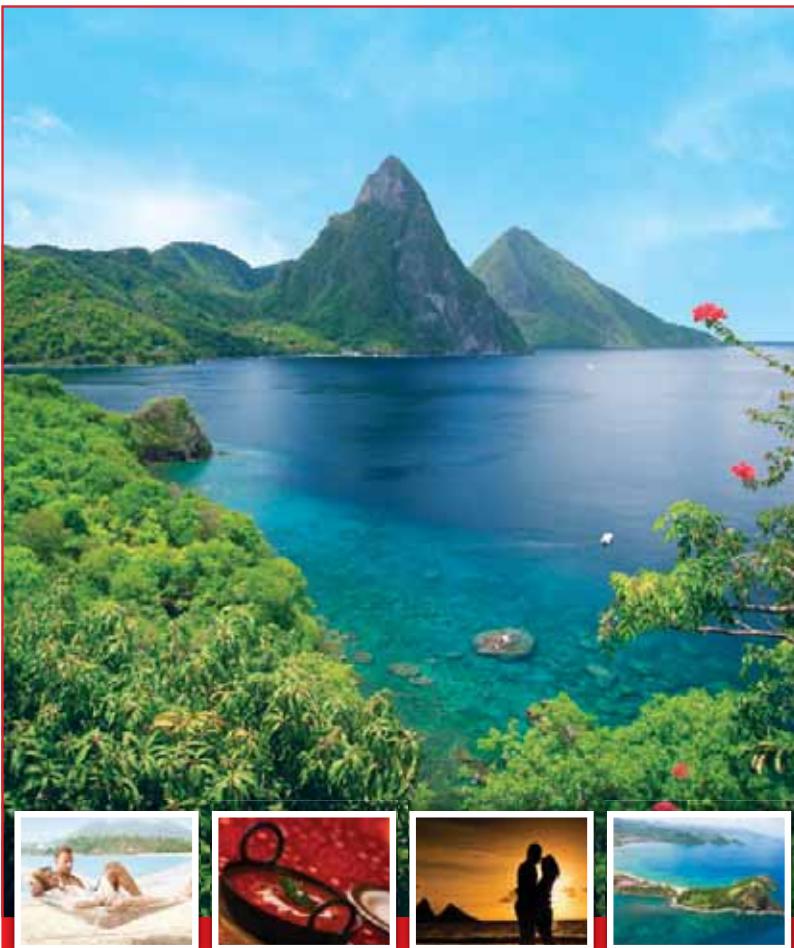
It's a frustrating setback for Tate, who missed 14 games this season with a dislocated shoulder after being

tackled in Week 2. Glenn led the Stamps offence during Tate's absence, directing Calgary to a second-place finish in the West.

Season series: The Lions thumped the Stamps 34-8 in Week 5 in Calgary, and followed that win with a slim 27-22 victory in Vancouver in Week 15. The Stamps answered in Week 18 with 34 unanswered points in a 41-21 win in Calgary.

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St-Pierre leaves home to find his comfort zone

UFC. Fight in Montreal is the welterweight champion's first since April last year

Georges St-Pierre may be fighting at home this weekend, but he's not sleeping in his own bed.

The UFC welterweight champion has moved into a hotel, leaving the comforts of home ahead of Saturday night's UFC 154 main event with interim title-holder Carlos (Natural Born Killer) Condit at the Bell Centre.

He wants no part of the hometown feeling, other than to have friends and family in the stands.

"I want to feel like it's another fight, like normal," he said.

The move has cut into his



Georges St-Pierre THE CANADIAN PRESS

privacy. Fans in the lobby have pretty much restricted his ability to leave his hotel room. But that plays into another priority ahead of the fight.

"At this time, I try to isolate myself, not get sick — not catch any cold or stuff like that. Stay very focused on the main goal," St-Pierre told reporters.

The fight is the first for St-Pierre (22-2) since April 2011 when he beat Jake Shields. He underwent reconstructive surgery after injuring his knee in training last fall.

Condit (28-5) defeated Nick Diaz in February to claim the interim title during St-Pierre's injury layoff.

After Friday's weigh-in, when he has to make 170 pounds, St-Pierre's immediate plan is to "eat and drink." Ice cream is high on his priority list.

"Even if I were to do 100 push-ups, I'm not going to get any stronger," he said. "So it's all in the mind. My training is done."

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MLB

**Selig to review
Blue Jays, Marlins
blockbuster**

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig says he is examining the pending blockbuster trade between the Miami Marlins and Toronto Blue Jays and is aware of the fan anger in South Florida.

Selig said Thursday the trade hasn't officially been presented to him. But he said the matter is under review and he talked to two independent baseball people who feel the Marlins did well in the proposed swap. Miami has agreed to send all-star shortstop Jose Reyes and pitchers Mark Buehrle and Josh Johnson to Toronto for a group of the Blue Jays' top prospects. The trade is pending physicians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

**Cabrera, Posey
named MVPs**

Detroit's Miguel Cabrera won the American League's most valuable player award on Thursday after becoming baseball's first Triple Crown winner in 45 years, and San Francisco's Buster Posey was given the National League honour.

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Nets rise above the Celtics

The Brooklyn Nets' Brook Lopez shoots over the Boston Celtics' Jason Collins during their game Thursday night in Brooklyn, N.Y. The Nets won 102-97. KATHY KMONICK/The Associated Press

As labour talks stall, more NHL games facing the axe

Season in peril. With hopes for a new CBA dashed again, hockey execs warn of more scheduling carnage

Pessimism is growing around the NHL's stalled collective bargaining talks.

With no future negotiations scheduled, the league is getting close to another round of game cancellations that will

further shorten any potential season. Asked on Thursday if the labour dispute had yet put the entire year in jeopardy, deputy commissioner Bill Daly replied: "I hope not."

The NHL is expected to start wiping games beyond Nov. 30 off the schedule early next week. There had previously been hope for a shortened 68-game season starting Dec. 1, but that now appears to be gone.

In total, the lockout has already forced the cancellation

Quoted

"I'm more discouraged now than I have been at any point in the process."

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly on the lack of progress in labour talks

of 327 games, including the Winter Classic between the Maple Leafs and Red Wings at Michigan Stadium. The league's other big mid-season event — the Jan. 27 all-star

game at Nationwide Arena in Columbus — is also expected to be formally cancelled in the near future.

Talks between the NHL and NHL Players' Association have fallen silent one week after representatives from both sides met over six consecutive days in New York. They broke off after last Friday's bargaining session ended with a heated exchange and a meeting on Sunday afternoon lasted barely more than an hour.

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Brantford

Former Bruin Stan Jonathan charged in hunting accident

Former Boston Bruins forward Stan Jonathan has been charged with criminal negligence causing death after a hunting accident on the weekend left a Hamilton man dead.

Peter Kosid was shot and killed on Sunday while crossbow hunting for deer on a friend's property on a Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, about 100 kilometres west of Toronto.

Six Nations Police said a deer hunter fired from the roadway into the bushline

area. The bullet struck Kosid, who was wearing camouflage, from about 375 metres away.

Police said Jonathan and Kosid were not known to each other. Jonathan was released after a bail hearing Wednesday.

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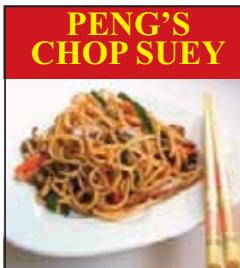
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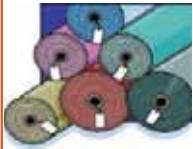
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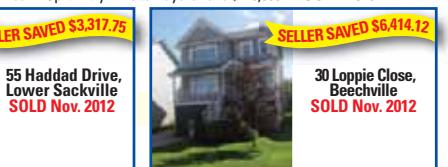
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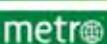
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